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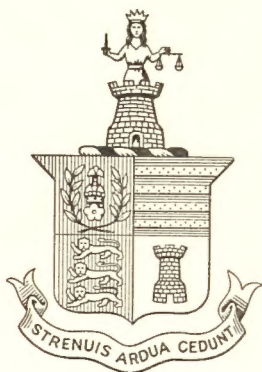
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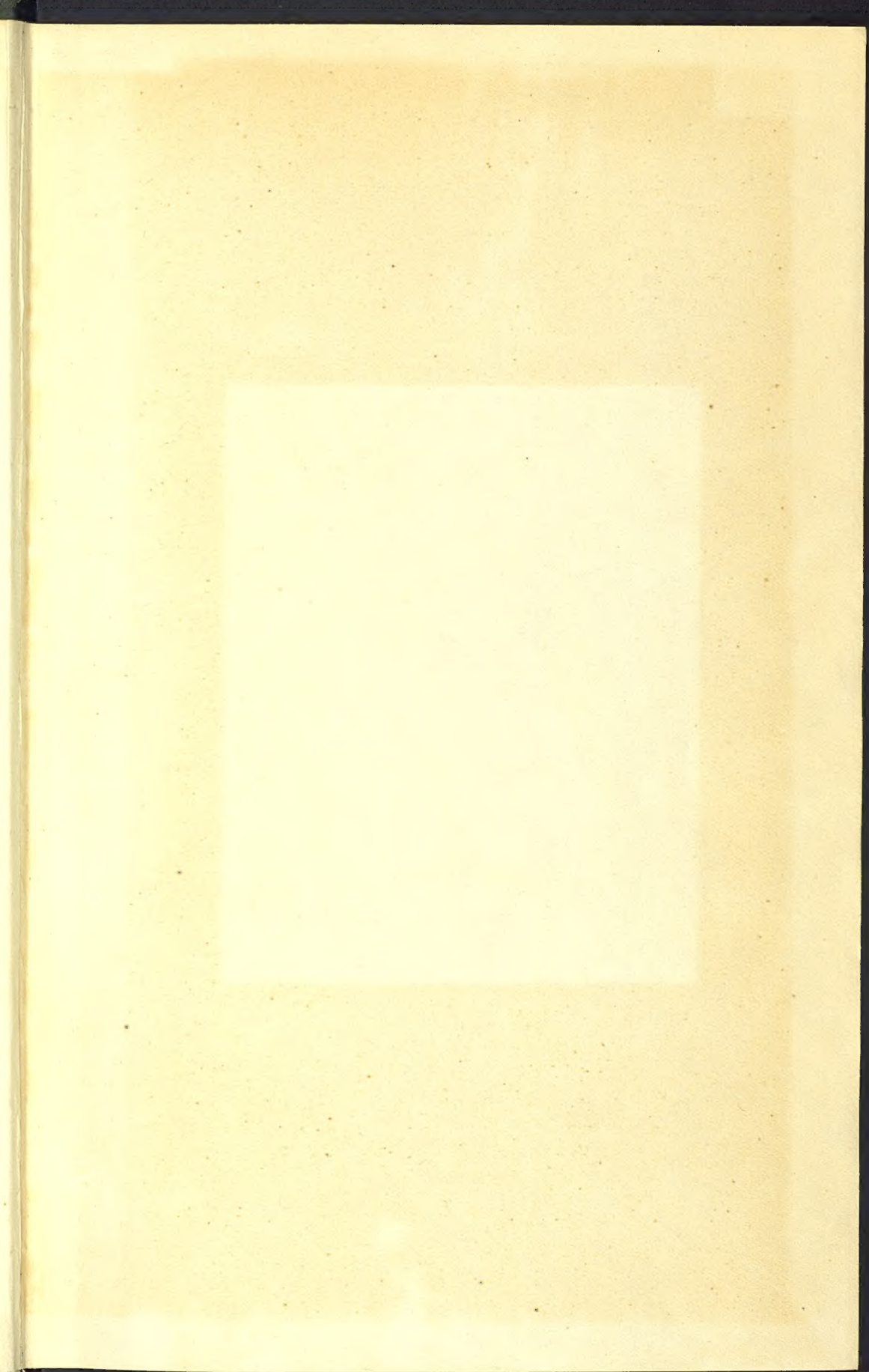
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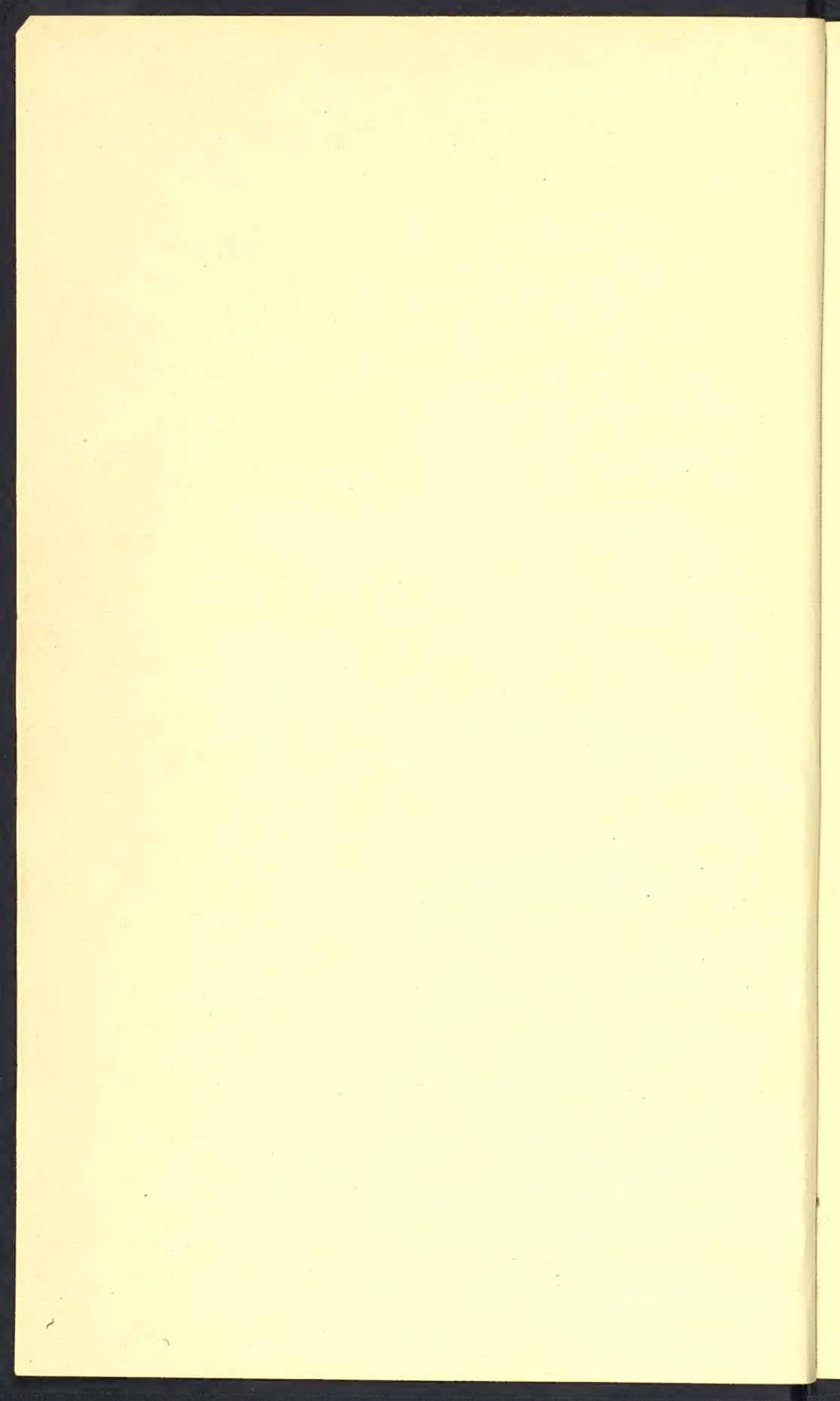


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ERRATA

Page 59, line 23. For Winsterworth read Minsterworth.
„ 303, line 16 from bottom. For John read Thomas.

THE RECORDS OF THE BISHOP OF LONDON.

The records of the Bishop of London are preserved in two depositories, one in the Record Rooms in St. Paul's Cathedral, the other in the Muniment Room at Fulham Palace. The former contains the Bishops' Registers and the documents of the Consistory Court; the latter, the records of the Bishop's manors and a mass of modern correspondence.

I.—THE RECORDS IN ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

On 14 February, 1834, Mr. John Shephard, deputy registrar, reported to the royal commissioners on the public records as follows:

"The place in which the greater part of the records and papers are lodged is a room on the north side of Saint Paul's Cathedral. The walls of this room are of stone, and the floor is of wood. The light is admitted by two narrow windows, one on the north and the other on the north-west side of the room, and from their contiguity to each other and their position with reference to the plan of the room the light afforded is very imperfect. The access to the room is through the Lord Mayor's vestry-room, up a dark, narrow, winding flight of forty or fifty stone steps."*

This description applies to the present condition of things: the light is so bad that in one press at least it is almost impossible to distinguish such indications as there are at the backs of the volumes; and I have been obliged to borrow some of the details in the following enumeration from the report just quoted and from manuscript lists preserved in the Registry in Dean's Court. Since Mr. Shephard's report the collection has overflowed into a second room directly above that described, and approached by the same staircase. None of the papers in this latter room appears to be earlier than the nineteenth century.

The series of BISHOPS' REGISTERS begins with the year 1306. Their contents are described in Richard Newcourt's *Repertorium ecclesiasticum parochiale Londinense*, 1708, pref.,

* *General Report from the Commissioners on the Public Records*, 1837, Appendix, p. 267.

Bishop of London. pp. iv, v, vii. The registers of Bishops Richard Bintworth, Ralph Stratford, and Michael Northburgh (1338–1361), William Courtenay (1375–1381), and George Montaigne or Mountain (1621–1628) are missing.* In the Bishop's Registry in Dean's Court is a small folio volume, lettered *Index to Bishops Books*, and headed on p. 1, 'Index to the Installations, Consecrations, Consolidations, Letters Patent, Leases, &c., &c.' This contains a separate index to each volume of the Bishops' Registers, and a second 'Index to the Institutions and Collations to Ecclesiastical Benefices.' The last index includes the pontificate of Bishop Blomfield running as far as 1829, the decimal and unit of this figure having been added subsequently to the rest of the heading. The volume ends with a General Index to the former series of indexes.

The other records preserved in these rooms consist of documents and books relating to the Bishop's immediate jurisdiction and to those exercised through his Vicar-General and the Judge of his Consistory Court. These may be enumerated together. They include allegations for marriage licences (from 1597), marriage licence bonds (from 1696), depositions in the consistory court (from 1467), consistory acts (from 1540), books of corrections (from 1554), citations (from 1660), vicar-general's books (from 1684), libels, sentences, &c.; acts of causes at the instance of the judge in the archdeaconry of London (1665–1694); books of ordination (from 1550), books of subscription (from 1627), visitation books (from 1554) and papers, presentations, inventories, terriers, tithe-rolls, &c. Under the statute 20 and 21 Victoriae, c. 77 § 89 all documents 'relating exclusively or principally to matters or causes testamentary' were required to be transmitted to the Court of Probate and to be deposited in the principal registry. Consequently in 1858 the wills formerly preserved at St. Paul's were removed to Somerset House; and with them the older vicar-general's books (down to 1684).† The latter also contain marriage-licences from 1520/1, which were transcribed by Colonel J. Lemuel Chester and published in two volumes by the Harleian Society in 1887 under the title of *Allegations for Marriage Licences issued by the Bishop of London, 1520–1828*. After 1587 the entries from the vicar-general's books are combined with the allegations at St. Paul's, but only a selection is given. The registers of the Fleet Prison (1678–1754) were also transferred to Somerset House. Other registers which remain at St. Paul's, besides many transcripts of marriage-registers from parishes in the diocese, include registers of baptisms, marriages, and burials at the Cape of Good Hope

* The first volume of the series is now being prepared for publication by the Canterbury and York Society. [Since this Report was written, in 1908, two parts of this volume have appeared.]

† A detailed return of the wills formerly preserved in the Commissary and Consistory Courts of London will be found in the *Parliamentary Accounts and Papers*, 1830, vol. xix. 139–142 (Return 165, pp. 89–92).

(1796–1803) and Gibraltar (1807–1812), at the British factories in Russia (1706–1815) and at Oporto (from 1716), and at Cronstadt (1807–1824), Geneva (1817–1829), and the British embassy at Paris (from 1816). There are also papers relating to East Indian chaplaincies (from 1813) and to chaplaincies on the continent of Europe; certificates of papists (1706), and of dissenting places of worship. The fuller catalogue given in Mr. Shephard's report may still be found of service.

There is also a vast accumulation of transcripts of parish registers, almost all of the nineteenth century, scattered through both the record rooms in complete disorder.

In the Bishop's Registry in Dean's Court is a modern 'List of Sundry Documents, Papers, &c., &c., contained in Bundles marked 1, 2, 3, 4 [altered from A, B, C, D] Deposited in St. Paul's,' ranging in date from 1602 to 1709. The list is alphabetically arranged. Two other similar lists, which have been recently copied, deal with Bundles 5 and 6, and Bundles 7, 8, and 9, which contain documents respectively from 1640 to 1800 and from 1658 to 1809. These documents are in Press No. 3, shelf 9, in the lower Record Room. They consist of miscellaneous papers, those in the first bundle being almost entirely official papers of Bishop Juxon. Among them may be noticed:—

Bundle 1.

'Articles objected by his Majesties Commissioners for causes ecclesiastical against Elias Crabtree, Clerk, Curat of the parishe Church of St Lawrence Poultney London and Richard Thatch of the parishe of St Martins in the Feildes in the County of Middlesex Chaundeler,' for ecclesiastical irregularities and for importing since 1628 from Mr. Hopkins of Amsterdam or some other party 'two packettes of bookes entituled *The Spye* (which booke conteynes much scandalous matter both against the Church and State. . .)' and was said to be printed at Stratsburgh in 1628, and for selling and otherwise disposing of them. The answers of Crabtree and Thatch are annexed. *Endorsed*: 1631.

Documents concerning the suspension and deprivation of Nathaniel Ward, rector of Stondon, Essex, for disobedience to the Prayer Book. December 1631–1632.

Each act bears the signature, Guil: London:

Decree in the matter of Nicholas Padmore, vicar of Southweld, Essex, charged with having 'administered the holy Communion to divers persons of his parish sitting, and to divers standing or in what other posture they pleased.' 24 October, 1632.

Articles against John Beadle or Bedle, rector of Barnestone *al.* Barmestone, Essex; with his submission, 28 March, 1633. To the latter is prefixed the following version of the offences with which he was charged.

Bishop
of
London.

Mr. Bedle.

1. He seldome or never reads all the prayers uppon Sundayes, nor weares the Surplice.
2. That in November laste he christened a Child of his owne and neither wore the Surplice nor used the signe of the Crosse though the wordes.
3. Uppon the fift of November last in a Sermon he then preacht he tooke an occasion to speake ag^t the ignorance of the people and told them positively that it was a thousand to one if one of a hundred of them that were not booke-learnt were saved.
4. Uppon the same day in the said sermon he wished that those ministers that did not that day preach their tounes might cleave to the roofs of their mouthes and they never preach more.
5. Uppon the same day he himself did not read prayers and uppon Sundayes he usually reades a lesson singes a psalme and soe into the Pulpit.

Commission by Bishop William [Juxon] for the building of 'a new steeple of free stone or bricke which may be substanciall, durable, and answerable to the other parts of the said church' of St. Alban's, Hertfordshire. 1638.

Submission of John Smith, of the parish of St. Augustine's, citizen and clockmaker, the writer of *A designed End to the Socinian Controversy*, published in 1694, in respect of errors therein contained. 23 January, 1694-5.*

Bundle 2.

Letter of H[enry Compton], Bishop of London, enjoining his clergy to warn people to observe his Majesty's injunctions of 13 February, 1689-1690 against profaneness and immorality, and notifying them of the new statute 5 and 6 Will. III, c. 11 against cursing and swearing. 15 December, 1697.

Papers and depositions relating to a dispute between Dr. Lancaster, vicar of St. Martin's in the Fields and 'Mounsieur de Bourdieu' [*i.e.* Dubourdieu] about dues for christening, registering, and churching. 1697-9.

Submission of Zackary Housel, of a parish in Middlesex,† in respect of a book published by him and entitled, *Assertions by Holy Scriptures in a Form of a Tryall*. 21 December, 1697.

Bundle 3.

A few papers relating to the French protestant ministers and their churches in and near London. 1700. With them is an undated list (of about the same time) of the congregations and their ministers, classified as 'conformable' and 'no conformable churches.'

Enclosed with the paper of the Bishop's visitation of the Fleet prison, 4 June, 1702, is an anonymous letter

* A copy of this is in Bundle 2.

† The name of the parish has not been filled in.

addressed to Dr. Newton, Chancellor, and describing the illegal practices in performing clandestine marriages of the ministers, Mr. Robert Elboroug and his associates. *Bishop of London.*

'he is an antient man and is master of the Chapple and marries but very few now without Banns or Licence, but under a colour doth allow his Clark to do what he pleases, his name is Barth: Basset. There is there also one Mr. James Colton a clergyman; he lives in Leather Lane next door to the Coach and Horses; he hath bin there these four years. . . This Clark Basset aforesaid registers whomsoever Colton marries in the Fleet Register and gives him Certificates. . . There is also one Mr. Nehemiah Rogers; he is a Prisoner but goes at large to his Living in Essex and all places else, he is a very wicked man as lives for drinking, whoring, and swearing. . . There was one Mr. Alley* he was a prisoner and [had] the benefit of weddings but is gone to some other preferment.'†

Bundle 6.

An abstract of some proceedings in the court military against Sir James Tilley and Sir James Collet, knights, for bearing arms to which they had no right [1687-1688].

Papers relating to disputes among the French protestant ministers in London and the case of John James Favæ. 1717. Another packet is in bundle 7.

Bundle 7.

Orders for fining persons for non-observance of Sunday, &c. February, 1615-6.

Acts of court of Dr. Thomas Edwards, vicar-general, including about a dozen certificates for flesh licences in Lent. 1661.

II.—THE MUNIMENT ROOM AT FULHAM PALACE.

In the Muniment Room in Fulham Palace are three large presses containing documents, besides two upper presses containing the most modern papers. There is a 'Catalogue of the Muniments preserved in the Chaplain's Room at Fulham Palace, January 1859,' to which title is added in Bishop Tait's handwriting, 'Prepared for me by Mr. Hamilton of the British Museum. A. C. London.' This was Mr. N. E. S. A. Hamilton, of the Department of Manuscripts. They fall under the following classes, no distinction being made between volumes and single documents:—

1. Court rolls, court books, &c., relating to the Bishop's manors of Fulham, and of Stevenage, Rickmansworth, and Much Hadham in Hertfordshire. 1566-1706. Some of the documents have been removed since Mr. Hamilton's

* Jerome Alley.

† This letter is printed in full by J. Southerden Burn, *The Fleet Registers*, 1833, pp. 11, 12.

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of
London.

catalogue was made, but, except in the more recent cases of removal, there is no indication of their present place of deposit.

No. 14 contains rentals of 3yllyng [Ealing] manor, March *anno* 1, May *anno* 16, and July *anno* 23 Henry VI. Some fragments of fourteenth-century accounts are used in the binding.

No. 15 is a court book of manors in Essex and Hertfordshire, 22 Henry VII–2 Henry VIII, with the end of the record of a preceding court (defective).

No. 13 is a court book of 3illyng [Ealing] manor, 6 Rich. II–8 Hen. VII.

Nos. 16 and 17 are court books of manors in Essex and Hertfordshire, 3–6 and 10–13 Hen. VIII.

2. Leases, surrenders, conveyances, &c. Sixteenth to eighteenth century.

Among these are leases of Bushley manor, Worcestershire, of the sixteenth and seventeenth century, and leases of property in Lincolnshire of the eighteenth.

3. Eighteen account books of the Bishops' bailiffs and receivers-general (not continuous). 7 Hen. VII–4 Jac. I. Thirty-three account books (also not continuous). 4 Car. II–11 Ann.
4. Rentals and similar accounts. 1598–1720.
5. Letters patent and other documents under the great seal. 1545–1694.

Among these was the appointment by the council of state of William Coddington as governor of Rhode Island, 3 April, 1651, which was presented to the government of the United States of America in 1907. A photographic facsimile is preserved in its place.

6. Episcopal patents, containing appointments of officers. 1629, 1738–1747.
7. Drafts of acts of parliament, seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.
8. Miscellaneous papers, &c. Among these are :—

No. 148. Indenture whereby the conditional donees of the estates of Sir John Groos, knight, provide for the foundation of chantry chapels at Little Bentley and Pelham Furneaux. Monday after the feast of St. Mary the Virgin [*sic*], 1384.

No. 149. Ordinance by Humfrey, Duke of Gloucester, with the assent of the abbot and convent of St. John's, Colchester, for the regulation of the hospital of St. Mary Magdalen, in the suburb of that town. Colchester, 12 April, 1423.

No. 151. Inquisition taken at Chelmsford, 8 August, 17 Hen. VIII, before John Strangman, the king's escheator, touching the priory of canons regular

at Thoby in Essex, granted by bull of Clement VII, *Bishop of London.* 11 September, 1524, to Thomas [Wolsey], cardinal of St. Cecilia, archbishop of York, and papal legate, for his life.

No. 156. A folio volume containing 'Charges of worke done for the repaire of the West end of the Cathedrall church of S^t Pauls London,' 1 October, 1639–30 September, 1640. Signed at the end of each month by Inigo Jones, Mi. Grigg, and Edward Carter.

No. 163. A bundle of decrees of the court of judicature touching claims in respect of houses burned in the fire of London. 1668–1670.

Mr. Hamilton's catalogue ends with No. 173. The rest of the collection is not numbered.

Among miscellaneous books may be mentioned:—

A copy of the Statutes of St. Paul's Cathedral, written by W. Hall, secretary to Bishop Compton, and afterwards rector of Acton, and presented by him to Bishop Gibson, 24 July, 1724, in whose hand is a memorandum within the boards of the book. At the other end of the volume, reversed, are transcripts of appointments to the offices of commissary, vicar-general, apparitor-general, and registrar. 1663–1683.

A volume lettered: 'Letters Patent, &c.' contains ordinances *super donatione et collatione Episcopatus London.* (1 April, 4 Edw. VI.; 2 March, 1 Mary, &c.), with other documents relative to the Bishop's property and patronage (ending 6 George I).

A large folio volume entitled, 'A Booke Wherein is declared sondry ordres, and deuties, to be understood, practized, and obeyed, in an honorable well governed Houshold; Sett downe for the better orderinge, and direction of ye House of the Right Honorable Lionell, Lord baron of Cranfeild, Earl of Midle-Sex. . . . Beegonn thee 21 of January Anno 1621: and finished the 22. of September, anno 1622. by Morgan Colman, a poore decaied gentleman; one of thee fraternitie of His Ma^{tis}: Hospitall, at y^e Charterhouse.' and signed by him at the end. In a handsome leather binding (much worn) with green silk ties.

About sixty-four cardboard boxes contain letters on diocesan and other official business, classified under headings. They are all modern. Among them, three boxes of *Answers to Queries concerning Papists* include returns by incumbents in the diocese as to the numbers of Roman Catholics in each parish, 1765–1777. A tabular summary of these returns, as it seems (for the year is not given), for the diocese, exclusive of the archdeaconry of London, is in the box of *Papers relating to Popery*, which contains also a copy of a commission of Bonaventura [Giffard], bishop of Madaura and

Bishop of London. vicar-apostolic, to William Simpson, priest, to exercise spiritual functions in the West Indies. London, 5 September, 1733.

Among these are a number of papers which were written by or belonged to Bishop Porteus, when he was bishop of Chester, and have accidentally found their way to their present place of deposit. They include tables of the 'Number of Papists in the Diocese of Chester, 1780,' and in 1779, with notes in the bishop's hand for a speech in the House of Lords on the subject, Monday, 12 March [1781]. From the same source come papers relative to Swedenborgianism in Manchester in the box lettered *Sects*.

In another press are many bundles of private letters, mostly written by persons connected with the diocese of London. They are only roughly sorted, and seem to belong to particular years, or to short periods of years, in the early part of the nineteenth century. There does not appear to have been any special reason for the preservation of the bishop's private correspondence during those times, and the bundles have not been found to include any matter, except autographs, of general interest.

The peculiar position which the Bishop of London held as exercising spiritual authority over British subjects settled abroad, whether in plantations or colonies within the king's dominions, or in factories or other settlements in foreign states, has naturally led to the accumulation of a large number of papers,—letters, reports, memorials, and statistical returns,—in the muniment room at Fulham Palace. Those which relate to the colonies which came to form part of the United States of America, and some of those relating to the West Indies, have been calendared by Miss F. G. Davenport in the *Guide to the Manuscript Materials for the History of the United States to 1783, in the British Museum, &c.*, published by the Carnegie Institution of Washington, in 1908, pp. 302–329. Miss Davenport estimates that the collection contains 'over two thousand letters and miscellaneous papers relating to the thirteen colonies, mostly from leading members of the Church of England in this country [*i.e.* America] to the Bishop of London, and treating of religious affairs.' She notices that a number of papers which were transcribed by Dr. Francis L. Hawks in 1836 for preservation in the Church Missionary House at New York, were not to be found. A good many documents from the Fulham collection were printed by the Rev. Sadler Phillips in *The Early English Colonies*, published in 1907, unfortunately without an index or full table of contents. As the collection has been so recently calendared, it has seemed undesirable to go through it again in detail for the purposes of this report.

Of the thirty-two boxes in which the colonial series of documents is preserved, twelve are composed of papers relating exclusively to what are now the United States of America, one consists of papers relating to Canada and

Newfoundland, six of papers relating to the West Indies, and thirteen are miscellaneous. The documents go back to the reign of Charles II, and include at least two transcripts of documents of the reign of Charles I; but by far the greater part of them are concerned with the eighteenth century, while for the West Indies they extend on into the nineteenth. The register of baptisms, marriages, and burials in the parish of St. George, Nevis, 1716-1723, which I had noted for mention, I find printed by Mr. Phillips, pp. 143-158. He says it is the only return of the sort remaining in the collection.

REGINALD L. POOLE.

THE MUNIMENTS
OF THE
DEAN AND CANONS
OF
ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL, WINDSOR.

The muniments of the Dean and Canons of the Free Royal Chapel of St. George in Windsor Castle are preserved in the Erary or Treasury of the College, an upper chamber approached through the Chapter Room. The Erary retains many of its original fittings, and most of the presses in which the documents are stored appear to date from the fifteenth century. The collection is in admirable order; the documents are classified and numbered; and a manuscript catalogue gives easy access to them. The arrangement and catalogue are the work of the late Mr. Francis B. Bickley, Assistant-Keeper of the Manuscripts in the British Museum, who had the great advantage of the advice and co-operation of the Rev. J. N. Dalton, M.A., C.V.O., C.M.G., Canon of the Collegiate Church.

PART I.

The presses marked I, II, and IV-IX and a large chest X (with the exception of I. B, C, F, G, J, and K, and II. B, C, and K, and X. 1-4, which, as will be mentioned in due course, contain boxes filled with documents,) are mainly stored with books. The documents are kept in ventilated cardboard boxes arranged in presses and drawers and in a large chest (X). The principal depository is press XV, containing 63 drawers, in 61 of which documents are stored, mainly according to a local classification. They relate to the property of the Chapter and to legal business connected with it. An overflow from this press finds a place in presses I, II, and XI, and in the chest X; but the greater part of the contents of the latter have been separated as the result of a careful selection, so as to make easily accessible those classes of the muniments which have the more general interest and importance, specially for the history of the Royal Chapel itself, of the religious houses with whose property it was endowed, and of the borough of Windsor. Outside the numeration stands a large volume, half-bound in morocco and lettered *PAPAL BULLS RELATING TO THE FREE ROYAL CHAPEL OF ST. GEORGE, WINDSOR, etc.* Its contents are described at the beginning of part II of this report.

In the following conspectus I adhere to the order of arrangement in the Erary, but make no mention of such volumes and documents as are quite modern or possess but little general interest.

*St. George's
Chapel,
Windsor.*

PRESS I. B.—16 indentures of moneys paid by the stewards of the Chapel to the treasurer.

I. C.—39 accounts of the warden or prior, or other officer of the fraternity of Hoxne, in Suffolk, a cell of Norwich.

I. F.—43 miscellaneous documents marked 'Personal,' because apparently they could not be brought naturally into the topographical or official classification of the other documents.

I. G.—19 Wills, 1396–1638.

I. J.—24 documents relating to Abergwilly in Carmarthen-shire, Llangorse in Brecknockshire, Anstey in Warwickshire, and Alcannings and Urchfont in Wiltshire. Among them are (Nos. 3–5) three early thirteenth-century documents relative to property at Aldeworth in Berkshire.

I. K.—14 documents relating to property at Burnham, Dorney, and Boveney, in Buckinghamshire.

II. B.—17 documents relating to property in the city of London.

II. C.—10 documents relating to property at Isleworth, Twickenham, Sunnebury, and Feltham, in Middlesex.

II. K.—5 documents relating to the church of St. Stephen at Saltash and the chapel of St. Nicholas de Aissh in Cornwall. Two of these bear seals of Bishop John de Grandisson of Exeter.

IV. B. 1.—THE ARUNDEL WHITE BOOK, or THE WHITE LEIGER BOOK, begun by John Arundell, warden of the college, 1417–1452; a chartulary with some miscellaneous elements.

IV. B. 2, 3.—DENTON'S BLACK BOOK; a chartulary drawn up for James Denton, steward of the college, 1517.

IV. B. 4.—FRITH'S REGISTER, or LIBER COLLEGII, a collection of documents, rules, precedents, memoranda, &c., relative to the free royal college. This was begun in 1614.

IV. B. 5.—FRITH'S NEW REGISTER, containing an account of his visitations of the property of the college, 1624.

IV. B. 6.—HOWELL'S TRANSCRIPT, a copy of a rental known as Howell's, made by Dr. Durell (1664–1683).

IV. B. 7.—DR. DERHAM'S BOOK, a survey of the college property, made in the eighteenth century.

IV. B. 10.—CATALOGUE OF WARDENS AND DEANS [to 1729] AND OF THE CANONS [down to 1682]. 18th century.

IV. B. 16, 17.—DR. EVANS'S BOOK, a commonplace book of notes of deeds and memoranda of events relating to the college. 1701.

VI. B. 2–9.—REGISTER OF CHAPTER ACTS, 1596–1840.

Among the rest are translations of statutes, surveys, attendance books (two of the time of Richard II and Edward IV), lease books (from 1660), poor knights' check books (from 1772), and sundry account books.

*St. George's
Chapel,
Windsor.*

In the Chest, X, are four boxes (1-4) marked 'Royal Grants' and containing 56 documents; a supplement to them is placed in Press XI. P, and contains 21 documents. Among them are some miscellaneous documents apparently selected on account of their special interest. It also contains twelve volumes (5-16) of statutes and ordinances of the order of the Garter, copies of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

PRESS XI. A.—32 documents concerning the property and exemptions of the warden and college of the king's free chapel at Windsor, or the king's dean and canons of Windsor.*

XI. B.—51 documents concerning the vicars and poor knights, vergers, organists, and choristers.

XI. C.—Miscellaneous letters from the latter part of the fifteenth century onwards, concerning the estates of, and offices pertaining to, the chapter.

XI. D.—Papers relating to the order of the Garter and to the feast of St. George, and to the chapel of St. George.

XI. E.—Papers relating to religious houses.

XI. F.—Leases of St. Anthony's inn at Portsmouth. 1559-1744.

XI. G.—Documents relating to the property of the abbey of Bec.

XI. H.—Papers relating to the Poor Knights. Seventeenth and eighteenth century.

XI. I.—Deeds relating to Sutton Courtney in Berkshire, of which the church was appropriated to the dean and canons. 1403-1538.

XI. J.—Deeds relating to Caxton and Whaddon, in Cambridgeshire, East Riston in Norfolk, and South Tawton in Devon. Fourteenth century and later.

XI. K.—Deeds relating to Symondsbourne (Northumberland), Saltasshe and Tintagel (Cornwall), and Plympton, Northam and Bradninch (Devon).

XI. M.—Four volumes containing transcripts of court rolls of South Tawton, Bramley, Isleworth, Haseley, and various other places where the college held the manors. 15th-17th century.

XI. N.—Leases of a tenement in Priest-street, Windsor, which was let by the dean and canons to Eleanor Gwinn *of the parish of St. Martin's in the Fields in the county of Middlesex, one of the ladys of her majestie the queen's privy chamber*, 11 Dec., 1684, and after her decease to Charles, duke of St. Albans, 18 Jan., 1692/3.

XI. P.—See above, under X.

XV. 2.—160 bonds and releases, 1308-1672.

3.—44 accounts, valors, and rentals, ranging from the time of Edward III to that of Charles II.

5.—6 bundles of papers and leases relating to Newbury in Berkshire, of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

6.—Leases and court rolls, &c., of Isleworth and Twickenham, from 1562 to the nineteenth century.

* The variation in title seems to have caused doubt as to the validity of certain grants, which was set at rest by Act of Parliament, 22 Sept., 1429 from the roll of which there is an extract in XI. A. 6.

7.—22 documents relating to North Marston in Buckinghamshire and to Wedonbek in Northamptonshire, some of early date.

8.—31 documents relating to the lands granted to Edward Seymour, viscount Beauchamp, afterwards duke of Somerset (the priory of Eston in Wiltshire, the prebends of Alcannynge and Urchefounte, and divers other benefices), and papers concerning those portions of his property which were granted to the dean and canons of Windsor.

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9.—13 court rolls of Leighton Buzzard in Bedfordshire, from the reign of Henry VII to that of Charles I.

10.—81 deeds relating to property at Binfield, Cookham, Didworth, and Shottisbroke, in Berkshire, of the 14th century and later ; with 3 bundles of modern leases.

12.—Nine rolls of accounts removed from XV 42.

14.—45 documents relating to property at Clewer, 1295–1544.

15.—56 deeds, courtrolls, &c., relating to Wycombe, Bassetsbury, and Long Crendon, in Buckinghamshire, 1395–18th century.

16.—38 leases, rolls, and accounts relating to Pirton in Oxfordshire, 1482–1719 ; with 3 bundles of leases.

17.—8 deeds relating to property at Eton, 1334–1550 ; and courtrolls, 1658–1668.

18.—12 deeds relating to Yorkshire property, at Farmandby, Barnsby, &c., 1469–1623 ; with 3 bundles of leases.

19.—Miscellaneous papers unsorted and uncatalogued. They include bonds, papers concerning legal proceedings, petitions, counsel's opinions, rentals, and accounts, chiefly of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

20.—11 documents relating to Hartley Wespell, in Hampshire, 1482–1716 ; with 3 bundles of leases.

21.—110 documents relating to Hamme in Wiltshire, Staines in Middlesex, and Egham in Surrey, *temp.* Edw. I–1676 ; with 4 bundles of leases.

22.—Leases and papers relating to Haseley in Oxfordshire.

23.—Leases and papers relating to Leighton Buzzard.

24.—Miscellaneous deeds, mostly of modern date, but including a good many documents of the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. Among them are a few notes of the college muniments. One, No. 112, is 'A Short Account taken by Thomas Hatch Chapter Clerk in the Year 1782 of what is contained in the several Boxes in the Errery.'

25.—121 documents relating to Leighton Buzzard. Among them are many views of frankpledge of the sixteenth century : in No. 97 and others the heading is *Visus Franci plegii uocatus the Trymmingday cum curia baron decani et canonicorum*, &c., 3 and 4 Philip and Mary. Thirteenth to seventeenth century.

26.—2 documents relating to Membury in Devon, of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries ; with 5 bundles of leases.

27.—54 documents relating to Preston Bowyer and Monkland in Herefordshire, and Woolavington, Puriton and Monksilver in Somerset, ranging from the fourteenth to the eighteenth century ; with 2 bundles of leases, and 2 surveys.

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28.—33 documents relating to Uttoxeter, from the fourteenth to the seventeenth century; with 3 bundles of leases.

29 and 30.—Newbury leases from 1567 onwards.

31.—93 documents relating to Ogbourne in Wiltshire, and Shaldbourne, Wantage and Hungerford in Berkshire, Haseley in Oxfordshire, Ryslip in Middlesex, and Dunstaple in Bedfordshire; with two bundles of modern leases.

32.—59 documents relating to Deddington in Oxfordshire.

33.—Leases pertaining to Ottery St. Mary in Devon.

34.—71 Treasurers' rolls, beginning (No. 1) with the accounts of William de Polmorva, 1 December, 36 Edw. III—23 September [1362-3], and of Stephen Blanktre and John Loryng for the complete year to Michaelmas. At the end of this is written:

Pes istius compoti non declaratur hic propter diuersos defectos in eodem inuentos. Immo declaratur in indentura facta inter auditores compoti et executores magistri W. Pulmorva.

No. 1 beginning in 1362.	No. 37 beginning in 1430.
2 " 1362.	38 " 1434.
3 (i) " 1366 (copy).	38* " 1437.
4 " 1366.	39 " 1438.
5 " 1367.	40 " 1439.
6 " 1368.	41 " 1441.
3 (ii) " 1370 (copy).	42 " 1444.
7 " 1370.	43 " 1447.
8 " 1371.	44 " 1449.
9 " 1374.	45 " 1450.
10 " 1375.	48 " 1451 ?
11 " 1376.	46 " 1454 (frag-
12 " 1377.	ment).
13 " 1377.	47 " 1460.
14 " 1377.	49 " 1461.
15 " 1385.	50 " 1462.
16 " 1393.	56 " 1468.
17 " 1394.	51 " 1471.
18 " 1395.	52 " 1474.
19 " 1398.	53 " 1475.
3 (iii) " 1399 (copy).	54 " 1477.
20, 21 " 1400.	55 " 1478.
22 " 1402.	57, 58 " 1479.
23 " 1404.	59 " 1482.
24 " 1406.	60 " 1483.
26 " 1407.	61 " 1485.
28 " 1415.	62 " 1489.
29 " 1416.	63 " 1490.
30 " 1417.	64, 65 " 1491.
31 " 1419.	66, 67 " 1492.
33 " 1421 ?	68 " 1493.
32 " 1422.	69 " 1494.
34, 35 " 1425.	70 " 1496.
36 " 1428.	71 " 1498.

This series is continued in drawer 59.*

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35.—Leases pertaining to Tintagel in Cornwall.

36.—Leases pertaining to Sandleford Priory.

37.—116 documents relating to St. Anthony's Hospital in the city of London (appropriated to St. George's Chapel before 1478).

38.—19 documents relating to Valence Gallence and other property in Essex, from the fourteenth to the seventeenth century.

39.—3 bundles of Urchfont leases.

40.—7 bundles of Wantage leases.

41.—85 documents relating to Combe and Stoke, Tychefeld and East Sutton, in Hampshire, from the twelfth to the eighteenth century.

42.—47 account books and rolls of the stewards of the rectories and manors belonging to the free royal chapel, 1568–1642.

43.—116 deeds relating to property in Old and New Windsor, 1464–1702.

44 and 45.—460 deeds relating to property in Windsor, which subsequently was acquired by the free royal chapel, c. 1260–1462.

46.—Windsor leases.

47.—18 documents relating to property at Wraysbury in Buckinghamshire, 1345–1586; with 7 bundles of leases.

48 and 49.—109 stewards' rolls, 1369–1568.

50.—12 bundles of leases of property at Monkland in Herefordshire.

51.—4 bundles of leases of property at Enborne in Berkshire.

52.—Leases of property at Windsor.

53.—103 bailiffs' account rolls, arranged under manors.

54.—81 documents relating to property at Sandleford in Berkshire, and 89 relating to property at Newbury, Enborne, West Ilsley, and Bochimpton, in Berkshire, Kingsclere in Hampshire, and Tidgrave and Hakeneston in Wiltshire; with court rolls.†

55.—33 court rolls of Euer [Iver in Buckinghamshire] from 1288 to 1507, with some other documents; and 45 documents concerning property at Yarmouth.

56.—77 rolls of precentors' accounts, 1363–1681.

57.—51 bills and memoranda relative to expenses, *e.g.* of the warden travelling on the business of the college, of repairs of buildings in the college and on its manors, of legal proceedings; together with petitions for payment: ranging from the fifteenth to the seventeenth century.

* The treasurers' accounts besides ordinary statements of payments, certain expenses for various journeys and visits paid by the dean and others on business, and payments for obits, from which a full obit roll might be restored.

† The documents in this drawer are numbered only 168, because No. 80 and 81 are repeated in duplicate at the end of the Sandleford series and at the beginning of that concerned with Newbury, &c.

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- 58 A.—44 documents relating to legal proceedings.
 58 B.—56 documents relative to property at Datchet, from the thirteenth to the sixteenth century.
 58 C.—29 foundations of chantries and anniversaries, and other documents concerning them, 1453–1538.
 58 D and E.—127 documents relating to property at Bray and Cookham.
 59.—44 rolls of treasurers' accounts from 1502, a series continuing that in XV. 34.
 60.—188 acquittances.
 61.—Modern stewards' accounts, from 1663; and bailiffs' accounts from the fifteenth century: in all 101 documents.

PART II.

The following section contains, first, a calendar of the documents in the volume lettered PAPAL BULLS, and secondly notices and extracts of matters of special interest in the collection.

PAPAL DOCUMENTS.

1. Commission of Innocent [IV] to the prior and precentor of Merton, dio. Winchester, to hear and determine a cause between the abbot and convent of Bec Herlewin and the abbot and convent of Derkcestre [Oxfordshire], Symon de Lieuekenore [Lewknor], knight, and others, clerks and laymen, of the cities and dioceses of Lincoln, Salisbury, and Winchester. Lateran: 5 Kal. Maii a. 1 [27 April, 1244]. Hempen string for bull. [Not in Bliss's *Calendar of Entries in the Papal Registers relating to Great Britain and Ireland*.]
2. Great bull of Gregory IX confirming to the prior and brethren of Sandelford their possessions. Lateran: 6 Kal. Maii [26 April] 1230.* Silk string for bull. [Not in Bliss's *Calendar*.]
3. Commission of Clement VI to the archbishop of Canterbury and the bishop of Winchester to order and appoint the college in the chapel of Windsor Castle, and to establish therein canons, priests, clerks, knights, and ministers of the same, one of the canons to be perpetually called warden (*custos*). Avignon: 2 Kal. Dec. a. 9 [30 Nov., 1350].†
4. Faculty to the same to allow the warden to hold another ecclesiastical benefice. Avignon: 2 Kal. Jan. a. 9 [31 Jan., 1351].‡
- 5.—Faculty to the same to appropriate to the said chapel six benefices not exceeding 200 marks of annual value. Avignon: 2 Kal. Febr. a. 9 [30 Jan. 1351].§ Hemp strings for bull.

* A bull to the same effect, dated at Perugia on 2 May, and assigned to this year but apparently belonging to 1229, is in the possession of the dean and chapter of St. Paul's: *Ninth Report of the Hist. MSS. Comm.* i. 14a.

† Bliss, *Calendar*, ii. p. 395.

‡ *Ibid.*, p. 381.

§ *Ibid.*, ii. p. 333.

6.—Indult from Innocent [VI] to the warden and college for *St. George's Chapel, Windsor*. a cemetery and free sepulture. Avignon : 19 Kal. Jan. a. 2 [14 Dec. 1354]. Silk strings for bull.

7.—Indulgence from Clement [VI] for persons visiting the chapel of St. George on the feasts of St. George and of Edward the Confessor. Avignon : 8 Kal. Dec. a. 8 [24 Nov. 1349]. Not in Bliss's *Calendar*.

8.—Mandate of Sixtus [IV] touching the non-residence of vicars choral on their other benefices. Rome, at St. Peter's : 13 Kal. Jun. [20 May] 1477, a. 6.

9.—Confirmation by Martin [V] of the liberties and immunities of the warden and chapter of the royal chapel of Windsor. Rome, at the holy Apostles : 6 Id. April a. 13 [8 April, 1429].

10.—Confirmation by Alexander [VI], at the petition of the dean and chapter and of Sir Reginald Bray, knight, to the new church of all the indulgences and privileges conferred upon the old. Rome, at St. Peter's : 4 April, 1503.

11.—Faculty [as in No. 5] to appropriate six benefices, saving the pensions payable to their vicars. Avignon : 2 Kal. Febr. a. 9 [30 Jan., 1351].* Bull on hemp strings.

12.—Incorporation of Sixtus IV of the parish church of Northmerston, dio. Lincoln, with the free royal chapel for the support of the chapter's table. Rome, at St. Peter's : 7 March, 1483, a. 10. Bull on silk strings.

X. 1. 3.—Grant by William Mugge to the warden and college of the free chapel of St. George at Windsor, of land next the garden of the rector of Datchet and other lands and rents. Datchet : 20 March, 30 Edw. III [1356]. The seal, which is perfect, is an impression from a gem apparently of contemporary Italian work. It represents a bust in profile of a young tonsured head. In the spandrels at each side are the initials W. M., and the quasi-antique is enclosed in a larger seal bearing the legend, SIGILLUM WILLELMI MUGGE.

X. 3. 4.—Licence from Henry VIII to the dean and canons to open a door in the north wall of the castle. Windsor : 26 July, a. 13 [1521]. Sign manual and privy signet.

X. 4. 1.—Grant by John, duke of Bedford, to the warden and canons of the priory of Okburne lately granted to him by his father, king Henry IV. London, *in hospicio nostro de Coldherbergh* : 3 Dec., 9 Hen. V [1421]. Fragment of seal.

X. 4. 2.—Release by Thomas Langeley, bishop of Durham, to John, duke of Bedford, of his right in the property of the alien priory of Okeborne, which had been granted by Henry IV to him and the duke to be held by them during the wars with France. London : 5 November, 9 Hen. V [1421].

* Bliss, ii, 384.

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X. 4. 17.—Confirmation by Henry III of sundry grants to the prior and canons of Saundelford. Windsor: 10 July, a. 17 [1233].

X. 4. 23.—Grant in pure and perpetual alms by Elizabeth queen of England and France and lady of Ireland, Thomas [Bourchier] cardinal priest of the title of St. Ciriciac in Termis and archbishop of Canterbury and legate, Thomas [Rotherham] bishop of Lincoln and chancellor of England, William [Grey] bishop of Ely, Robert [Stillington] bishop of Bath and Wells, William [Dudley] bishop of Durham, John [Russell] bishop of Rochester and lord privy seal, Henry [Bourchier] earl of Essex, Anthony [Woodville] earl Ryvers, William lord Hastynges, John Gunthorp dean of the king's chapel, and others, to the dean and canons of the royal chapel, Windsor, of the manor of Wykecomb' called Bassetesbury, and the fee-farm of the town of Great Wykecumbe and the manors of Crendon, Haseley, and Pirton. 21 March, 13 Edw. IV [1478]. Fifteen seals.

XI. A. 1.—Estreat from the great roll of 28 Edw. III containing a record of the tithe due from the warden and college of the king's free chapel at Windsor in respect of the churches of Eure and Wyrardesbury [in Buckinghamshire], Tauton, Dachet, and Dadyngton, and of their spiritualities in the archdeaconries of Derby and Stafford, and of the tenth and fifteenth granted by the laity in Berkshire and in the vill of Cressewell; followed by a release of summons, on the authority of a writ of privy seal enrolled in the Memoranda of the 30th year, Mich. Communia, discharging the warden and college from all secular demand and from tithes from the benefices appropriated to them, and ordering the barons of the exchequer so to discharge them.

XI. A. 5.—Licence from Sir Robert Babthorpe, steward of the king's household, to the warden and canons of the chapel of the college of Windsor, or their steward, for one year to hold their hundred courts and leets of all their manors and villis wheresoever existing *infra uirgam*, notwithstanding the king's presence within the verge. 8 Oct., 1 Henry VI [1422]. Seal.

XI. A. 18.—Notarial act reciting that on 8 March 1497–8, in his house in the parish of St. Andrew next Baynardis Castell in the city of London, Christopher Urswyk, dean, for himself and for Mr. Richard Nyck, I.U.D., and Thomas Bolode, S.T.B., canons present, and for the other canons, made the following declaration:

Quod de Westmonasterio Londoniensis ac de Chertesey Wintoniensis diocesis monasteriorum abbates, fingentes ac minus uere asserentes sepulturam beati hominis Henrici sexti olim regis Anglie, cuius corpus in capella regia predicta honorifice sepelitur ac in eadem requieuit ac in presente requiescit, esse debere in eorum ecclesiis conuentualibus, illud beatum corpus eorum ac eorum utriusque mediis sinistris ac suasionibus ac machinacionibus peruersis et iniquis exhumare et

a dicta capella regia extrahi, ammoueri, ac ad unum siue alterum monasteriorum predictorum deferri et transferri facere se uelle a diu iactitarunt, indies iactitant, et iactitare non desinunt. Super hoc litem et controuersiam cum prefato decano et confratribus suis dicti collegii et capelle litem inierunt; ac eundem decanum et alios suos confratres canonicos coram quibusdam ex regiis consiliariis dictis abbatibus plus debito fauentibus super premissis conueniri et ad iudicium trahi, ut asseruit, fecerunt et fecit eorum uterque; atque eosdem decanum et canonicos coram eisdem consiliariis, coram quibus huiusmodi pretensa siue controuersia de sui natura, ut asseruit, non esset tractanda siue determinanda, a diu persecuti fuerunt et indies prosequuntur. Vnde . . . publice protestabantur et eorum quilibet protestabatur quod si contingat in futuro huiusmodi beatum corpus a prefata capella de facto exhumari, ammoueri, extrahi, et ad unum siue alterum monasteriorum predictorum siue ad alium quemcumque locum deferri et transferri, nolunt nec intendunt, nec uult neque intendit eorum aliquis, ut asseruerunt, consensum interiorem animo uel mente prebere, sed ad hoc omnino dissentire ac eorum dissensum loco et tempore congruis et oportunis ostendere et manifestare, ut eis super hiis et infrascriptis possit de remedio providere oportuno . . .

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XI. A. 19.—Receipt by Mr. William Cretyng, chaplain to John [Clerk] bishop of Bath, to Mr. Jamys Malett president of the college of Wyndesore and the chapter of the same, for *certeyn parcellis of plate gyltt parcell gylt & ongilt ponderyng to the summ of M.C.v. vnces quarter and halffquarter, the whiche plate was leyde to pledge to the forsayd chapter by the forsayde reuerend father, 20 March 1522/3, for 184l. 4s. 7d. ;** *For the redemyng of the whiche plate the forsayd William Cretyng hathe delyueryd to the forsayd presydent and chapter . . . a certeyn bull conteynyng certayne priuileges grauntyd to the seyde colege and the hospytall of Seynt Antonyes yn London sped and obtaynyd by the seyd reuerend father of the popis holynes pope Clement the viith of that name. [7 March, 1523/4.]*

XI. B. 3.—Statutes for the vicars, the warden, and the canons, written late in the fifteenth century.

XI. B. 27.—Covenant between the dean and canons and William Butler, canon, for making certain payments to the petty canons and vicars, *for this collect, Deus summa spes nostre redemptionis, with the Secrete and postcommune daily to be said for evermore at our Lady masse or Jhesus masse or Salus populi by that petycanoun or vicer that shall for the tyme say the said masse, and he also to praye inter viuos for the good estate of the said William Butler and such as he is bounden to*

* At the rate of 3s. 4d. the ounce.

St. George's Chapel, Windsor. praye for, and inter mortuos for certain persons named and, after his death, for the said William; with other provisions. 31 May, 3 Henry VIII [1511].

XI. B. 40.—Inventory of goods, treasures, and utensils in the charge of Nicolas Pucke and George Hale, treasurers of the minor canons and vicars, 1 May 1531.

Contenta in parua domo supra gradus. In primis a grete chest. Item a pece of syluer with a coueryng to the same wayng iiij li. vj uncis and a quarter. Item a rownde salt on couer all gylt wayng xiiij uncis. Item iii saltis in panys with on couer partle gylt. Item standyng pece of syluer with iij fete of lyons with on couer. Item xij syluer sponys with gylt knoppys. Item iiij syluer sponys of the gyft of Sir John Mychelston, one of them hauy[n]g an image of owre lady on the upper ende. Item one syluer spone wrytyn theron John Merbeke. Item iiij gobletts with ij couers parcell gylt of the gyft of Mr. Butler. Item ij goblettis with one couer of the gyft of Mr. Honywode. Item xx li. of mony of the gyft of Mr. Wrene. Item vj platers iiij charhers xvij dyshys and xvii sausers. Item a cloth of ymagery and flowrt to hang abowyt saynt Johns hede a staynyd clothe with a ymage of saynt John. Item a bull under lede *de non resydendo*. Item a bage of dedis of owre howse in Pescode strete. Item dedis of owre howse of Mr. Honywode. Item the dedis of owre howse of the gyfte of John Graye. Item ii punctions of stele grauyn one with a rose the other with the rose and the sonne. Item a payre of aundyerns wyth wrethys one the upper ende. Item a chapture sele of the voyde stallis and a copy of the new graunte of the same. Item an indenture for Mr. Butlers masse. Item that we haue resceuyd xxj lb. of Mr. Denton for lande to be bowght for the petycanons and vicars of Wyndissor.

Contenta in aula; fyrst v grete tabulles with trescellis and formes accordyng to them a foldyng tabull of the gyfte of Mr. Scalon a ioyned cher with a tabull. Item a lauer behynde the hall dore a whet stone hangyng. Item the hall hangyd with grene saye.

Contenta in promptuario; vi masers, iii pewter basyns, a basyn of latyn, ii pewter pottis, iii pewter saltis, vi latyn candelstyckis, iii tabull clothes, v towellis, ii seconde commyners clothes, ii gret chestis, a portuus, a payr of scallys of latyn, a pyle of troy wayztis of brasse and lede, a brede bynne with locke and keye, a chyppyng knyffe, an aumbrey,* ii formes, an hamper, a ynkhorne of lede, a commyn booke.

Contenta in coquina; xiiii platters, x dyshys, xiiii sausers, a posnett, a gret chafer, a panne of iii gallons [&c.] . . .

* Written *amubrey*.

Contenta in cenaculo prope coquinam; ij cosshynnys *St. George's*
 of carpett worke, a tabull, and a forme with ij trescyllis, *Chapel,*
 an olde clothe of bookeram. *Windsor.*

Contenta in camera coquorum; a bedstede, a matres,
 a payre of sheyttis, a bolster, and a forme.

XI. c. 4.—Letter from [Dean] Nicholas West to the Canons.
 [June 1513.]

Jesus.

Masters and brethern, yesterday the kyng synyd that
 platt that he wyll haue off hys chapell, which is the
 plate that was made acording to his fyrst deuyce.
 Howbeit ther schall no thing be done to it tell his
 cummyng a gayne, whych I pray Jesu may be shortly
 and with as grett honour as euer had any off his
 predecessors in Frawnce. And as tochyng the
 amortesyng off the londys that we schuld haue, where
 off I sent you a boke whych I pray you send me a
 geyne selyd by this berar, albeit ther hathe beyn moch
 debatying in the kyngis lernyd cownsell whether we
 schuld take it imediatly off the kyng or ellys the kyng
 to infeffe other and thay to make a state ouer to us,
 whych debatying hathe sumwhat tractyd the tyme.
 Yet now they be all off opinion that it is more sure
 both for the kyng and us to take it by meane off feoffe.
 And ensuing that way I haue my warant assynyd to
 receyue a M. li. in mort mayn and licens generall for
 euery man to geue us ony maner landys spyrituall or
 te[m]porall to that summ or under whych schall be
 selyd by grace off God to morow.* Moreouer this day
 master Konesby† drawyt our dede off feofament to be
 made to the kyngis executors to our use. I haue also
 the kyngis testament to copy owt all such thyngis and
 chargis as schall toch us whych my clerke is wrytyng
 and ther for I am fayn to wryt this letter with myn
 owne hand. And as sone as he hath done I wyll send
 you a doket off it. But ye most be as secret as gostly
 fathers as yett. And more ouer to morow I wyll cause
 endenturys off conuenaunces to be drawyn be twyne
 us and the sayd feffeyns toching our sayd charge,
 where off I wyll send you all so a cope, so that I wyll
 do all my dilygens that all things may be spedde to
 gether. How be it fere ye nott that I wyll conclude
 eny thyng without youyr hole assentis: but my mynde
 is to make sure this lande whych is as good lond and as
 clere as is with in Ynglond off suyrtte for so hathe
 schewyd me dyuers that knowyth it ryght well. And
 especiall my lord of Rochester which hath. iiiicccc li off

* The signed bill for the licence is dated 12 June, 1513: see *Letters and Papers, Hen. VIII.*, i. no. 4213.

† Humphrey Coningsby, king's serjeant.

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it in feofe for performans of my ladys* wyll so apon hoist inuentary and his cownt M. Sothewell and I shall syt this day and to morow to clere the sayd londis. It were to longe to schew and wrytt you euery thing and I am so leude a secretary that it wold make me wery. Item master prouost and I yesterday spoke with my lord of Wynchester for our matter off Romessay: in conclusion he sayd that he wold promyse us xii li. but he sayd thay schuld geue us xii li. yerely or ellys thay schuld schew litteram a cause why nott. And so we dyd this day in Westminster Hall. And I thus trust that that mater is att an ende but what comunicacion was be twyخته my lord and us I pray you axe off Mr. prouoste. I wold wrytt many thyngis more but be my trowthe my penne is werey and ther for fare ye as well as I wold myselfe. Wrytt att London thys monday be your

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XI. c. 5.—Another autograph letter of the same on similar business. [c. 1510–1515.]

XI. c. 27, 28, 30, and 31 relate to the condition of St. Anthony's school in London, about 1600. In No. 27 usher Thomas Bradshaw asserts that *the scoole, which by my friendes is replenished unto three score from seven scolars which I founde theare, is like to be as mutch decayed as it hath bien*, and charges Mr. Smith, the master, with being deranged. In No. 30 Thomas Richardson, minister of St. Bennett Finkle, on 29 April 1601, says that Bradshaw *is knowne to be insufficient for teachings, and for life lewd and wicked*, and recommends another person to take his place. No. 31 contains Bradshaw's elaborately written appeal to the deane and chapter, asking that his salary, which had been suspended, may be paid him.

XI. d. 3.—Memoranda respecting the bishop of Salisbury's claim to the chancellorship of the Order of the Garter (1) on the voidance in 1608, (2) in 1636; with an account of the appointments to the office down to the reign of Charles I. Under 1636 the following notice of the discussion on the bishop's petition is quoted from the register:

Cui quidem petitioni varie a variis responsum est, nec tantas esse vires magni Sigilli Angliae super regulas Sacrosancti Ordinis cuius Socii plurimi Reges fuere et Imperatores legum nostrarum immunes, Supremus vero invictissimus Monarcha Carolus est; nec antecessorum Regum chartas posse viventi Supremo leges ponere cum (ex Antiquissimis huius Ordinis institutis) Suprema Lex sit Supremi Voluntas, nec ex memorialibus Ordinis colligi posse in Rich. Beauchamp Episcopum Sarum

* The lady Margaret, countess of Richmond and Derby.

† Apparently for *his*.

Regi a consiliis et sanguine junctum officium Cancellarii firmiori titulo collatum fuisse nisi quam diu Regiae Celsitudini complaceret. St. George's
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Windsor.

XI. D. 6.—Accounts of *The offering at St. George's feast at Windsor. Besides the King's offering of the Besant not yet redeemed.* Signed by R. [Neale], bishop of Winchester. 24–25 September 1628. Also accounts of 1630 and 1631 in the same bundle.

XI. D. 7.—Injunctions of John [Kempe], archbishop of York, legate of the apostolic see, and chancellor of England, for the free chapel or college within the royal castle of Windsor, issued after the visitation which he made by virtue of his office of chancellor on 22 May 1430.

XI. D. 8.—Inventory of jewels, vestments, and ornaments, delivered by Mr. John Esterfeld, treasurer to Mr. Richard Payne, precentor, 1 Oct., 17 Hen. VII [1501].

XI. D. 9.—Agreement between John Clerk, dean, and the canons, and James Denton, for the establishment of a *contubernium siue communae* between the choristers' chamber to the north of the chapel and the store house, at the expense of the said James Denton, for the use of the chantry and other priests serving the chapel. 17 April 1520.

XI. D. 11.—Inventory of the stuff of the dean and canons, *which dyd cumme to the possessyon of Edmund Johnson, steward [of] Seint Anthonys in London.* 2 Edw. VI [1547–8].

XI. D. 12.—A volume of inventories and acquittances. Among the former are two pages of inventories of jewels made on 13 Jan., 1 Edw. VI [1548], and Oct., 2 Edw. VI [1548]. The rest are rough inventories of jewels, vestments, and furniture from 1551 and neighbouring years. Near the end is a note :

Memorandum that [where as*] plate was sould for diuerse necessarye uses as for the making of coundyttis to euery of the prebendaryes howses and for making of . . . † and Mr. Malletts and Mr. Arches howses. And for other necessary charges towards the kynges warres, to the some of ccccvi. li.

At the end are receipts, chiefly for money paid by the dean and canons at various dates down to 1596.

XI. D. 15.—A large sheet of paper headed : *A declaratyon breifly compiled and made of the whole valour of the yssewes and profyttes of all the chauntreis, privat masses, suffragys, and obbyttes latly founded and used within the kynges free chappell . . . and the valour of all peticannons, &c.* c. 1546.

XI. D. 20.—Statutes of the College. A roll seven feet long. Fifteenth century. Imperfect.

XI. D. 24.—List of books and muniments belonging to the dean and canons. Late sixteenth century. Endorsed : *Recordes in the handes of Roberte Occham.*

* *Where as* is deleted, but nothing is supplied in its place.

† Two words carefully obliterated.

St. George's XI. E. 1.—Account roll of Awelton Prioris [Wiltshire], in
Chapel, the ninth year of Valentine prior [of Winchester], 1273.
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XI. E. 3.—Certificate from Henry Harvy, LL.D., master of Trinity College or Hall (*collegii siue aule*) at Cambridge, to the dean and chapter of Norwich, *ex debito fundacionis domini Willelmi Bateman quondam Norwicensis episcopi fundatoris nostri*, of the names of the fellows and scholars of the said college. 9 Sept. 1582. Seal imperfect.

XI. E. 4.—Account roll of James Hawkehurst, cellarer of Christ Church, Canterbury. Michaelmas, 1475–1476.

XI. E. 5.—*Inspeximus* by William de Badelesmere, justice of Chester, of the charters of the monastery of St. Werburg. July 1280.

XI. E. 7.—Submission by the abbot and convent of Gloucester to the ordinance of archbishop Winchelsey in respect of the claim made by the prior of Worcester to visit the abbey *sede vacante*. 11 Jan. 1308.

XI. E. 8.—Complaints of the tenants of the abbot of Noteley at Crendon, with the abbot's replies, made before the king's council at Farneham. Dec., 9 Hen. VIII. [1517.]

XI. E. 10.—Grant in frank almoign by Mabilia, daughter of William Colekin, to the prior and convent of Ledes [in Kent] of lands granted to her by William de Tange. End of thirteenth century.

XI. E. 11.—Account roll, mutilated at the beginning, endorsed: *Compotus obedienciar' Norwic' anno W. de Kirkebi prioris eiusdem quinto. Elemosinar'*. [1276–7.]

XI. E. 12.—*Compotus Iohannis de Wychingham de warda castri* [at Norwich], Michaelmas, 1–2 Edward III, in the third year of bishop W[illiam] Ayermin. [1327–8.]

XI. E. 13.—*Compotus fratris Nicolai de Hoo officii refectorii* [at Norwich]. Candlemas to Michaelmas, anno Simonis prioris *supradicto*. [1344–52.] Mutilated at the beginning.

One payment is *scolaribus Oxhonnii iii.s.*

XI. E. 14.—*Compotus Rogeri servientis ad grangiam monachorum anno R[oberti] prioris [Norwici] undecimo*. [1319–1320.]

XI. E. 15.—*Compotus Ade Owed collectoris de Hyndringham et Willelmi Kock prepositi ibidem, per testimonium Ricardi de Ameringhal seruientis ibidem, anno R. de Langel[ey] prioris undecimo*. [1319–1320.]

XI. E. 16.—*Compotus Willelmi Dune prepositi de Eton, per testimonium Thome Baudry servientis ibidem, anno, R. de Langel[ey] prioris undecimo*. [1319–1320.]

The three rolls, 14–16, are in the same handwriting.

XI. E. 17.—Account roll *de officio camerarie*, Michaelmas, 7–8 Rich. II, in the third year of Alexander de Totyngton, prior [of Norwich]. [1383–4.]

'Item ii. *scolaribus Oxon' iii.l. xii.s. vi.d.*'

XI. E. 18.—Account roll *de officio gardini*, Michaelmas, in the seventh year of Alexander the prior. [1388–9.]

XI. E. 19.—Account roll *de officio camerarii*, Michaelmas, *St. George's Chapel, Windsor*, 8–9 Hen. IV, in the 26th year of Alexander the prior. [1407–8.]*
 'Item scolaribus Oxoñ xlvi.s. iii.d.'

XI. E. 20.—Rental of Norwich priory, in the time of prior Alexander [de Totyngton], in the 5th year of [Henry IV].

XI. E. 21.—Account roll *de officio camerarii*, Michaelmas, 7 Hen. VI, in the first year of prior William Worstede [1428].

XI. E. 23.—The like, Michaelmas, 29 Hen. VI, in the 14th year of prior John Heverlond [1450].

XI. E. 24.—Petition from the prior and church of the Holy Trinity of Norwich to [Henry VI's] council touching a dispute between them and the bishop. *French*.

XI. E. 25.—Account roll *de officio camerarii*, 3–4 Edw. IV, in the 11th year of prior John Molet [1453–4].

XI. E. 26.—Account roll of John Mollett, prior, *de officio camerarii*, Michaelmas, 9–10 Edw. IV, in the 17th year of the prior [1469–70].

XI. E. 27.—Account roll *de officio refectorarii*, Michaelmas, 16–17 Edw. IV, in the seventh year of prior Thomas Bozoun [1476–7].†

XI. E. 28.—Account roll *de officio camerarii*, 1495–1496.

XI. E. 29.—Account roll *de officio camerarii*, 1524–5.

XI. E. 30.—Account roll of prior William Castelten for the office of cellar master (*magistri cellarii*), 1532.

XI. E. 31.—Grant by Thomas son of Hugh of St. Clare,‡ to the church of St. Andrew, Rochester, of a pennyworth of rent from a messuage held by Claricia, widow of Hugh Diva, of the monks of the said church, for lights on the altar of the Blessed Virgin Mary. [End of twelfth century.]

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Thomas filius Hugonis de Sancto Claro dedi et concessi et quietum clamaui et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Deo et ecclesie beati Andree apostoli Rofensi et monachis ibidem Deo seruientibus, ad luminaria altaris beate Marie uirginis, unum denarium redditus quem consueui percipere annuatim per manum Claricie relicte Hugonis Diua, de quodam masagio cum pertinentiis in ciuitate Rofensi, quod fuit Walteri Lorimeri et quod pater meus aliquando tenuit de predictis monachis et post eum Hugo Diua. Hunc autem predictum denarium predictis monachis et eorum successoribus dedi et concessi et quietum clamaui, sicut predictum est, cum omni iure quod habui uel habere potui uel heredes mei, sine aliquo retinemento mihi uel heredibus meis. Pro hac igitur donatione et concessione et quieta clamatione et presentis carte mee

* Alexander Totyngton was consecrated bishop of Norwich on 23 Oct., 1407 (Stubbs, *Registrum Sacrum Anglicanum*, 2nd ed., p. 84). A new prior was not elected until 20 Dec. (Dugdale, *Monasticon Anglicanum*, iv. 7).

† According to Dugdale, *l.c.*, Bozoun's seventh year did not begin until June 1477.

‡ Hugh of St. Clare lived in the time of John, bishop of Rochester [1125–1137]: J. Thorpe, *Registrum Roffense*, pp. 370, 412 (1769).

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confirmatione predicti monachi dederunt mihi predicto Thome duos solidos sterlingorum per manum sacriste ecclesie Rofensis. Et sciendum est quod ego Thomas filius Hugonis de Sancto Claro et heredes mei warantizabimus predictum denarium redditus predictis monachis contra omnes homines et omnes feminas in perpetuum. Hiis testibus Henrico de Cobeham,* Willelmo Potino, Benedicto clerico, Helia mercatore, Johanne Anglico, Nicholao de Hores, Siluestro de Dunlega, Roberto de Lyuai, Willelmo bedello, Hamone filio Hugonis de Sancto Claro, Ricardo de Bailel, Ricardo Perewold, Godefrido coco, Hugone aurifabro, Roberto Melesop, Henrico de Bailel, et multis aliis.

Seal: a crescent with three stars opposite the cusps and a circular point in the centre: SIGILL TEOME DE SANC . . . Endorsed: *Cholgegateslone. Robertus Spicer.* Below the former word, *modo uocat[um] boundislane*; and in another place: *modo q. Rochwel.*

XI. E. 32.—Commission from the president of the consistories of Chichester and Lewes to the dean of Storcheton [Storrington] to admonish the prior and monks of Scla to pay a pension of 26s. 8d. to the church of Fyndon [Sussex], according to the sentence of the court. Chichester, 13 May 1371.

XI. E. 33.—Grant by Margaret [Twynoe], abbess, and the convent of Shafton [Shaftesbury] to Dr. John Morgan, dean, and the canons of the king's free chapel at Windsor of full participation in all suffrages and spiritual goods. 22 Sept. 1491. Seal imperfect.

XI. E. 34.—Transcript of court rolls of John Godyng, prior of Tortington [Sussex], at various manors. 2-3 Hen. VII.

XI. E. 36.—Account roll of Richard Colys, sub-cellarer of Worcester and warden of the mill at Mildenhamp. Michaelmas, 7-8 Edw. III. [1333-4.] Mutilated.

XI. E. 37.—Account roll of Robert de Weston, cellarer of Worcester. 21-22 Edward III [1347-8]? Much faded. The date is not certain.

XI. c. 1.—Grant by Matilda of Wallingford, wife of Brian fitz Count, to the church of Bec of Great and Little Ogbourne for the raiment of the monks. [c. 1143.]†

Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Mathildis de Warenguefort assentiente pariter et laudante Brienti filio comitis coniuge scilicet meo, pro remedio anime mee et antecessorum meorum dedi Deo et sancte Marie Becci perpetuo iure possidendas Ocheburnam magnam

* Henry of Cobham, if he is the same person, signs a document as late as the time of bishop Benedict [1215-1226]: *ibid.*, p. 531.

† Little Ogbourne had been granted to Bec in 1133: Round, *Calendar of Documents, France*, p. 125. Another charter, similar in effect to that here printed, was granted at Bec, with the assent of Henry, duke of the Normans and Geoffrey, count of Anjou, therefore between 1148 and 1151: Dugdale, vi, 1016.

et paruam, quas possidebam ex beneficio et hereditate antecessorum meorum. Dedi inquam ad uestituram monachorum ibidem Deo seruientium, ita libere et quiete sicut eas unquam liberius et quietius possedi. Et ne hinc in posterum aliqua habeatur retractatio que seruis Dei possit esse incommoda, sigilli mei testificatione confirmo, quod ratum esse desidero. T[est]es Robertus comes Gloecestrie, Riol constabularis,* Willelmus Boterel, Petrus Boterel, Hugo filius Ricardi, Walterus Foliot, Petrus de Mara, Willelmus de Mara, et multis aliis.

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Seal: SIGILLUM MATILDIS DOMINE WARINGEFORD. Endorsed in a thirteenth-century hand: *Carta Matellis de Walingeford de utraque Okurna.*

XI. g. 2.—Notification by Theobald, archbishop of Canterbury, of the grant by Philip, canon of [South] Malling [Sussex], to the church of Bec of the church of Glynde [Sussex], with supplementary assent of his nephew Godfrey. [1139–50.†]

Theobaldus Dei gratia Cantuariensis archiepiscopus et totius Anglie primas, Omnibus sancte Ecclesie fidelibus, salutem. Nouerit uniuersitas uestra quod Philippus canonicus de Melling, se demisit de ecclesia de Glindes, et in manum nostram posuit eam, et per nos reddidit eam ecclesie Becci, presente et concedente Willelmo de Melling fratre suo :‡ ita uidelicet, quod quandiu in clericali uita uel habitu uixerit, eam de monachis Becci tenebit, et de recognitione eis duos solidos singulis annis reddet, et ipsi monachi reddent pro eo ii. solidos ecclesie sancti Michaelis de Melling, quos Philippus reddere solebat. Post mortem uero eiusdem Philippi uel si forte religione aliqua uita[m] mutauerit, cum omnibus decimis et pertinentiis suis ipsa ecclesia de Glindes in ius et manum predictorum monachorum Beccensium ueniet et remanebit. Si quis uero hanc eiusdem Philippi et Willelmi fratris eius donationem et nostram confirmationem infringere seu uiolare in posterum attemptauerit, deleat eum Dominus de libro uite, nec in terra uiuentium consortium uel portionem aliquam habeat. Huius donationis testes sunt Elinandus monachus Becci quem manu mea de eadem ecclesia inuestiui uice et loco ecclesie Becci et monachorum aliorum Becci, Gisl[ebertus] capellanus et monachus Becci, Aclanus§ decanus de Melling,

* *Sic.*

† The document is earlier than Theobald's appointment as legate, which was first made by Eugenius III, at some date before Lent, 1151: see Henry of Huntingdon, *Historia Anglorum*, viii, 31, ed. Arnold, p. 282; *English Historical Review*, xvii. 704 ff. 1902.

‡ See below, XI. g. 55.

§ The name, which in the original is uncertain and has been corrected, is thus read in a thirteenth-century copy, XI. g. 11; it appears as *delaune* in one of the 15th century, XI. g. 55.

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Alanus de Well', Willelmus de Norum canonicus de Melling, Frogerius de Luxouiis, Gisl[ebertus] camerarius, Godefridus camerarius, et Gisl[ebertus] frater eius. Hanc etiam donationem Godefridus filius Willelmi concessit, nepos scilicet predicti Philippi. Testibus Ricardo de Mares, Radulpho de Bec, Herluino Caritet, Ricardo dispensatore. Apud Mellinges.

Seal nearly complete: [SI]GILLUM TEDBALDI DEI GRATIA ARCHIEPISCOPI CANT[UARIENSIS].

XI. g. 4.—Grant by Robert of Barneville, nephew of bishop Richard [Fitz Neal] of London, to the monastery of Bec of tithes at Standon [Hertfordshire]. [1189–1198.]

Omnibus Christi fidelibus Robertus de Barneuill filius Rogeri salutem. Sciatis me ratam et acceptam habere donationem quam fecerunt antecessores mei domui sancte Marie Becci de decima duarum garbarum de dominio eorum in Standoñ, et decimam illam duarum garbarum de tota terra domini mei in villa predicta ita plenarie et integre percipiendam sicut unquam melius et integrius tempore patris mei reddi solebat, predictis monachis concessi et presenti carta confirmavi. Et ut hec mea concessio perpetue firmitatis robur obtineat, eam appensione sigilli mei roboravi. Hoc ipsum etiam regatu meo a domino Lundoniensi episcopo Ricardo tertio predictis monachis confirmari obtinui. Hiis testibus: domino Lundoniensi episcopo Ricardo tertio auunculo meo, Willelmo de Ely thesaurario domini regis, Alano, Berengario, et Ricardo capellanis domini episcopi, Ernaldo clerico priore de Rislep', Eustachio de Standoñ, et aliis.*

Seal lost.

XI. g. 5.—Grant by Richard [Fitz Neal], bishop of London, to the monks of Bec of the church of Dunton [Essex] *iuxta quod eandem predictis monachis Gillebertus bone memorie decessor noster, cuius nos super hoc cartam inspeximus, indulxit.* Witness: Mr. Peter of Wauth, Mr. Roger, chaplain, Richard of Windsor, William of Ely, John of Wauth, William of Hedfeld, the bishop's clerks. [1189–1198.] Seal lost.

XI. g. 6.—Grant by Richard [Fitz Neal], bishop of London, to the monks of Bec of the church of Russelep', so that they appoint a chaplain in it. Witness: Mr. Peter of Wauth and Ralph of Ely, canons of St. Paul's, Master Roger and Alan, chaplains, Richard of Windsor, William of Ely, John of Wath, William of Hedfeld, the bishop's clerks. [1189–1198.] Seal bearing the bishop's number, III^o, imperfect; counterseal, St. Paul seated bearing a sword, PAVLVS SERVVS CRISTI IHESU. Written in the same hand as XI. g. 5.

XI. g. 7.—General confirmation by Richard [Fitz Neal], bishop of London, to the monks of Bec of their possessions in

* Bishop Richard's confirmation of this grant is in the possession of the dean and chapter of St. Paul's: *Ninth Report of the Hist. MSS. Comm.*, i. 33a.

his diocese: the churches of Russelep and Dunton; of the gift of Richard son of Gilbert, Count of Brionia [Brionne], two parts of the tithing of all his demesne in Standon and one villain with all his land in the same vill, and tithes at Liston and Samford*; of the gift of Simon son of Arnald, tithes at Finchingefeld and Lachelee; of the gift of Garnerius de Chaureia, two parts of his demesne at Chaureia; of the gift of Arnald de Hedi, all his land at Russelep; of the gift of Maurice the sheriff, tithes at Tyleteia and Bychenacre; of the gift of Count R. de Ferrariis, land and tithes at Stebbinges, two parts of his tithe *del Estlepe*, land and tithes at Wudeham; of the gift of Hugh de Gornaco, land and tithes at Erdleigh and Fordham. Witness: Peter [of Blois], archdeacon of London; Mr. Alard, Richard of Windsor, John Witenc, canons; Roger, Alan, Berengarius, chaplains; William of Ely, Mr. Alexander, Ralph of St. Paul, John of Waltham, William of Hedfeld, Richard, clerk, and others. Seal and counterseal well preserved.

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XI. c. 8.—Notice of approval by Richard, dean, and the chapter of Salisbury of the institution by bishop Herbert of the abbot of Bec and his successors as canons of their church, with the churches of Waneting [Wantage], both Okeburns, and Hungerford with Scaldeburn chapel, subject to their appointment of vicars in those churches and of a vicar in priest's orders in the church of Salisbury. [1208.†] Written in a beautiful hand of the type usual in the papal chancery. Seal lost.

XI. c. 9.—Charter of John, confirming to the abbot and monks of Bec all their possessions. 11 June, 1199. Seal lost.

XI. c. 10.—Grant by Walter Moubert to the monastery of Bec Herluini in pure and perpetual alms of the tithes of his demesnes at Langeford, [.]len, and Oppinborſi. Witness: Robert de Hare curia, Reginald de Morch[.], Ralph de Mesnil, knights; William de Ferreria, Walter de Pinu, Richard de Langrave, Ralph son of Philip, Peter the steward. Late twelfth century.

XI. c. 12.—Notification of an award made by William abbot of St. Albans, R[ichard] prior of Dunstaple, and E. archdeacon of St. Albans, under a mandate of Honorius III (Lateran: 18 Kal. Febr., a. 9 [15 Jan., 1225]), in a complaint of the abbot and convent of Bec against the rectors of Blecingel [Bletchingley] and Chepsted [Surrey] and others concerning tithes, lands, &c. Three out of six seals remain; one perfect.

XI. c. 14-16.—Acts in the conventual church of Dunstable in suits between the abbot and convent of Bec and the rectors of Dalham, or Daleham [Suffolk?], and Wethresfeld or Wetherfeld [Essex]. Early thirteenth century. No. 15 has

* These and all the places named below (except Russelep) appear to belong to Essex.

† A copy of this charter is in the *Vetus Registrum Sarisberiense* (the so-called *Register of St. Osmund*), i. 190f. (ed. 1883). Bishop Herbert's ordinance, which precedes it in that book, is dated 27 May in his 14th year.

St. George's Chapel, Windsor. the seal of the prior of Dunstable (a sword erect, point in base, between two keys addorsed wards in chief, the dexter key having a circular, the sinister a lozenge-shaped handle; above the hilt of the sword is a rose and on either side the sun and moon).

XI. g. 17.—Grant by Jobert, prior, and the convent of Bermund[sey] to the monks of St. Mary at Bec of their tithes at Pouinton, Luteton, and Blakemannestun, for a rent of 8s. a year. [1227.*]

XI. g. 19.—Acts in chapterhouse at Salisbury, Saturday after the Epiphany 1236 [10 Jan., 1237], recording the settlement of a claim against the abbot of Bec for arrears of payment *ad fabricam Sarresberiensis ecclesie et quatuor marce ad honestandum locum antique capelle in castro Sarresberie*.

XI. g. 28.—Covenant between Simon de Monte Forti, Earl of Leicester, and brother William Guineville general proctor in England of the abbot and convent of Bec, whereby the said Simon gave to the monks, in exchange for pasture and common within their wood of Baltele, a tenement, a cotsetland, with a manse, in the vill of Hungerford, and other lands and rents. 8 Sept., 30 Hen. III. [1246.] Fifteenth-century copy.

XI. g. 29.—*Inspeximus* by Guy Bishop of Lisieux, the official of Rouen, and the abbots of Bernay and Cormeilles [de Cormeliis], of a grant by Robert de Monte forti to the church of St. Mary and St. Philibert [near Montfort] and the monks of Bec, in free, quit, and perpetual alms, of the church of St. Peter of Saltwood. Followed by confirmations of the grant by archbishops Ralph and Theobald of Canterbury, and ordinances by archbishop Stephen, Prior J[ohn] and the convent of Canterbury, and archbishop Boniface, concerning the payment of a *beneficium* of 15 marks a year to the house of St. Philibert. The last is dated at Croydon, 10 May, 1254. The six documents are on a roll of the early part of the fourteenth century.†

XI. g. 34.—Roll of acquittances for payment of the tenth *in subsidium terre sancte*, from possessions of the church of Bec in the dioceses of Salisbury, Winchester, Lincoln, Norwich, London, and Chichester. 1278.

XI. g. 35.—Letters patent of archbishop Robert [Kilwardby], explaining that his late sojourn at Ogbourne was not made for the purpose of visitation.

Nouerit uniuersitas uestra quod cum nos uisitantes diocesim Saresbirie anno domini mclxxvii accederemus usque Marleberg' ut serenissime domine, domine A[lienore] Dei gracia regine Anglie matris regis colloquio

* The date is given in the Bermondsey annals (*Annales Monastici*, ed. Luard, iii. 456), which place 'Powyntone, Lyntecone, et Blakmanstone in comitatu Somersetiae'; but the editor notes that they belong to West Tyneham in Dorset.

† Another ordinance, XI. g. 39, is of archbishop John Pecham, 15 Nov. 1280.

frueremur, declinauimus ad manerium de Ockeburn^{St. George's} abbatis de Becko Herlewyni et ibidem per aliquot dies ^{Chapel,} remansimus, non causa uisitacionis sed tantum gracia ^{Windsor.} hospitandi, eo quod ad opus nostrum apcior, capacior, et uicinior fuerit locus ille ; nullam omnino uisitacionem ibidem seu procuracionem racione uisitacionis debitam exigentes : quod uestre uniuersitati patefacimus per presentes ne (quod absit) in posterum per huiusmodi moram nostram priori et monachis loci eiusdem preiudicium generetur.

Suwer^c : 30 May 1278, a. consecr. 6.

XI. g. 40.—Commission of Nicholas [III] to the chancellor, subdean, and succentor of the church of Salisbury to hear and determine a cause brought by the abbot and convent of Bec Herloini against the abbot and convent of Ford, dio. Exon., *super quibusdam decimis, terris, debitis, possessionibus, et rebus aliis*. Rome, at St. Peter's : 1 April, a. consecr. 3 [1280]. On the fold : ' A. Goboïs.'

XI. g. 53.—Demise by Richard de Benseuall, prior of Okebourne, general proctor in England of the abbot and convent of Bec Herlewini, to William Rosce of Totynggebek, for nine years, of their manor of Totynggebek [Tooting Bec] in Surrey. 29 Sept., 17 Edw. II [1323].

XI. g. 54.—Discharge by archbishop Walter [Reynolds] of a complaint brought against the abbot and convent of Bec Herlewyni on account of their appropriation of the church of Glynde, in the deanery of Suthmallyng, and demise thereof to farm without his licence. Suthmalling : 10 Aug. 1327. Seal.

XI. g. 55.—Confirmation by archbishop Theobald of William de Melling's grant to the monks of Bec of the church of Glinde, after the death of his brother Philip. Witness : Walter archdeacon of York, William treasurer of Exeter, Elanus priest ; Roger de Ponte Episcopi,* Richard Castell, Thomas of London,* clerks ; Gervase knight of William, Robert of Apletot, Hugh Rufus, Godfrey the archbishop's chamberlain, William Duredent. [1143–1148.†] Fifteenth-century copy.

XI. g. 71.—Acquittance by John, abbot of Reading, collector of the two tenths granted to the king by the clergy, for the tax paid by the abbot of Bec in respect of his portions in Sparsholt, Appelton, and Dencheswrth, and in All Saints', Wallyngfford. St. Vincent [22 January], 1377[/8]. Small seal of Reading abbey.

XI. g. 72.—Roll of the court of the abbot of Beck Herlewiny at Wantyng [Wantage], 51 Edw. III–1 Rich. II.

XI. p. 9.—Final concord made in the king's court at Westminster, February, 22 Edw. IV [1483], whereby Richard

* The association here of the two future archbishops, Thomas and Roger, may be noticed.

† The deed is earlier than Roger of Pont l'Evêque's appointment as archdeacon of Canterbury in 1148.

St. George's Chapel, Windsor. duke of Gloucester and Anne his wife quitclaim to the dean and canons of Windsor the advowson of the church of Olney [Buckinghamshire], for which the dean and canons pay 100*l*.

XI. p. 12.—Grant by Richard duke of Gloucester, great chamberlain, admiral, and constable of England, Sir John Hudleston knight, William Hopton esquire, and Thomas Barow clerk, to the dean and canons of the free royal chapel within the castle of Windsor, of the manors of Bentfeldbury in Essex, Knapton in Norfolk, and Chellesworth in Suffolk. 4 Febr., 19 Edw. IV. [1480.]

XI. p. 16.—Draught of ordinance by Edward IV suppressing the college of St. Mary, Eton, and uniting it with the college of St. George within Windsor Castle. *s.a.* [c. 1463.]

XI. p. 21.—Grant by Walter Feld, clerk, provost of the king's college of St. Mary and St. Nicholas at Cambridge, and the scholars of the same, to king Edward IV, of the advowson of the prebend of Ewern [Iwerne] in Dorset. 30 August, 20 Edw. IV. [1480.]

XV. 3. 2.—Two incomplete rolls of expenses of the hospice of the college. 1353–1355. One is endorsed :

Continet x. rotulos expens[arum] hospic[ii] colleg[ii] de Wyndes[ore] videlicet ab ultimo die Octobris anno xxv^{to}. usque ultimum diem Septembris anno xxvi^{to}., uidelicet per unum annum preter xxx. dies in toto.

R. Bernham
R. Lodyngt[on] } Sen[eschalli].

XV. 3. 3.—*Compotus Iohannis Prust de diuersis libris per eum factis uidelicet j. Antiph. j. textus Euang. j. Martilog. iii. Processional.* The expenses which are set out amount to 14*l*. 9*s*. 3*d*. The Gospel book cost 75*s*. 8*d*.; the Martyrology 28*s*. 4*d*.; the Antiphonal 7*l*. 7*s*. 11*d*.; and the Processional 37*s*. 4*d*. c. 1400.

XV. 7. 1.—Composition between the churches of Eynsham and Dunstable concerning their rights in the church of [North] Marston. [1147–1168.]

Notum sit omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis tam futuris quam presentibus quod hec compositio facta est inter ecclesiam Eoneshame et ecclesiam de Dunestapl' et abbatem Godefridum et priorem Gubertum de ecclesia de Merseton, scilicet, quod utreque ecclesie predictam ecclesiam de Merseton pari iure possidebunt, ita ut, cum sacerdos eidem ecclesie eligendus fuerit, communi ecclesiarum assensu et deliberatione qui eis de ecclesiis melius seruiat eligatur, et ipse sacerdos utrique ecclesie sacramento obligetur, et constituti seruicii et census medietatem ecclesie Eoneshame et aliam ipsius pacti medietatem ecclesie de Dunestapl' annuatim prefixis terminis persoluet. Hec autem compositio apud Lundonias coram Roberto episcopo Lincolniensi facta est, et fidei sacramento ab utraque parte firmata.

XV. 7. 2.—Letter from H, prior, and the convent of Dunstable to R[alph de Diva] prior of the Hospital of Jerusalem offering an agreement concerning the churches of [North] Marston and Eversholt [Bedfordshire]. *St. George's Chapel, Windsor.*

Venerabili fratri R. Dei gratia priori Ierosolimit[ani] Hospitalis et conuentui H. prior de Dunstapl. et conuentus salutem in Domino. Rediens ad nos frater noster H. canonicus ex parte uestra (ut dicebat) asseruit uos ad pacem inter nos et uos reformandam esse sub hac forma paratos, uidelicet ut de ecclesia de Merstan nobis, quoad uixerit Robertus clericus de Bucking[ham], unam marcā argenti singulis annis soluatis, ita quod idem clericus de tota ecclesia uobis respondebit, uobis sacramento corporaliter prestito obligatus. Ipso autem de medio facto, duos solidos annue pensionis nomine eiusdem ecclesie perpetuo nobis persoluetis. Ecclesiam quoque de Ewersolt, que iuris uestri esse dinoscitur et nobis uicina, facietis nos in pace in perpetuis possidere, ita quidem quod clericus uester, qui nunc nomine uestro in prescripta ecclesia ministrat, uobis* singulis annis duos solidos pensionis nomine soluens, de cetero quamdiu uixerit nobis ipsos duos solidos nomine eiusdem ecclesie persoluet, et nos uobis totidem solidos nomine pensionis reddemus tota uita predicti clerici, et ipsum† quidem iuratorium cautionem super fidelitate nobis obseruanda prestare facietis. Ipso autem de medio facto, ecclesiam ipsam integre et pacifice facietis in perpetuum nos possidere, a nobis singulis annis unam marcā argenti suscepturi nomine eiusdem ecclesie. Si uero clerico uestro superstite predictus clericus noster obierit, nichilominus nobis marcā argenti soluatis tota uita prefati clerici uestri. Huic ergo forme pacis si uobis stare placuerit, sub sigilli nostri testimonio consentimus pro bono pacis et mutue dilectionis reparatione. Et si uobis bene placita est hec concordie forma huic scripto uestrum apponatis sigillum. [1162–1179.] Printed by Delaville le Roulx, *Cartulaire générale des Hospitaliers de Saint Jean de Jérusalem*, iv. 246, no. 297 *ter*.

XV. 7. 3.—Letter of Simon abbot of St. Albans to Roger bishop of Worcester and Baldwin abbot of Ford, reciting a certificate by N. prior of Hertford, of the acceptance by brother Hernisius of the parsonage of Marston before the empress was besieged by king Stephen in Oxford.

Reuerendis patribus et amicis karissimis R[ogero] Dei gratia Wigornensi episcopo et B[aldewino] eadem gratia abbati de Fordes S[imon] humilis minister ecclesie sancti Albani salutem et sincere dilectionis deuotum affectum. Filii ueritatis testimonium ueritati tenentur

* Printed *nobis* in the *Cartulaire*. † Printed *ipsam*.

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perhibere. Eapropter paternitati uestre significare curauimus ea que uenerabilis frater noster N. prior de Herford litteris suis super ecclesia de Merstuna nobis intimauit. Eius namque litteras accepimus in hac forma: *Reuerentissimo patri suo S. humilis seruus suus N. prior de Herford salutem et obedientiam in Christo. Sciat sanctitas uestra fratrem Hernisium accepisse canonice personatum ecclesie de Merstuñ precepto domini Alexandri Lincoll. episcopi de manu archidiaconi David in eadem ecclesia, uniuersali capitulo audiente et persona Achar' concedente, qui postmodum in ecclesia beati Petri apud Dunestabliam canonicus factus senio confectus obiit. Hoc in rei ueritate contestatus est se uidisse et audisse et fecisse: quod factum est antequam imperatrix a rege Stephano apud Oxeneford' obsideretur, quod etiam actum est xl. annis fere transactis. Hec a prefato priore percepimus. Verum predictus frater Hernisius qui uiuens ista asseruit ex hac instabili ante paucos dies luce migrauit. Valet.*

[c. 1179.*]

XV. 7. 4.—Grant by Garnerius of Naples, prior of the Hospital of Jerusalem, to the prior and convent of Dunstable of the church of Merston.

Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis tam presentibus quam futuris ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit Garner[ius] de Neapoli prior domus Hospitalis Ierosolimitani in Anglia salutem in Domino. Nouerit uniuersitas uestra nos de communi assensu et uoluntate fratrum totius capituli nostri concessisse et presenti carta confirmasse priori et conuentui canonicorum de Dunestapl[ia] ecclesiam nostram de Merstoñ, quam habemus ex donatione et elemosina Turstani de Ouinges, tenendam de domo nostra in perpetuum sub annua pensione quatuor marcarum argenti, quas ipsi soluent annuatim domui Hospitalis duobus terminis, scilicet duas marcas ad Pascha et duas marcas ad festum sancti Michaelis Londoñ apud Fontem Clericorum [Clerkenwell], post mortem Roberti de Buchingham eiusdem ecclesie uicarii. Quamdiu uero predictus Robertus uixerit, unam marcam argenti tantum domui nostre persoluent, medietatem infra octauas Pasche et medietatem infra octauas sancti Michaelis. Quod ut ratum et stabile sit in perpetuum presenti scripto et sigilli nostri appositione communire curauimus. Testibus magistro Laurentio archidiacono Bedeford', magistro Rogero Arundell, fratre Alano, fratre Matheo, fratre Philippo de Sudsex, magistro Helya, magistro Radulfo de Ford, magistro Willelmo de Aldemannebir[i], Ricardo de

* Bishop Roger of Worcester died in August of this year.

Husseburfi, Willelmo de Buchingham, Waltero de Hereford clerico nostro. *St. George's Chapel, Windsor.*

[*temp.* Hen. II.] Seal: a man's figure kneeling towards a double cross, with the legend SALVE CRUX SANCTA, ARBOR DIGNE. Printed by Delaville le Roulx, iv, 265, No. 762 *bis*; where reason is given for assigning the document to 24 Oct. 1185.

XV. 19. [*unnumbered*].—Letter of Henry VIII requiring the dean and canons to pay full dividends and other emoluments to his chaplain Maister Symon Heynes, canon of his free chapel, 'our ambassadour and agent into the parties of beyond the see for certeyn our affayres and necessary busynes.' Westminster, under signet: April, a. 29 [1537–8]. Sign manual.

XV. 19. [*unnumbered*].—Depositions of the prebendaries and others, taken by virtue of letters from the archbishop of Canterbury, the bishop of Winchester, and Sir Anthony Coke, knight, the Quenes highnes visitours, 10 Sept. 1561, in the matter of charges of erroneous opinions and practices, of evil speaking, of conjuring and simony, and of incontinence brought against Mr. Bruarne. Simon Allen, B.D., prebendary, swore, among other things,

'that about ii yerres past the said Mr. Bruarne told this deponent, that he at sundry tymes at suche tyme as Peter Martyr was in Oxforde he did eate of the paschall Lamb without spot, and that he and the company wolde have had Mr. Bruarne at the eating therof. And further that the Lamb was chosen at one tyme at Mrs. Bengers house besides Oxford, and that she ded marvaill wherfor the Lambe scholde serve. And to the second parte he sayth that he both in pryvat communcacion is a hinderer of Religion and proceadings stablished by the common orders of this Relme, and also in fact that whear this deponent ded put down aultars in this church, the said Mr. Bruarne ded set them upp agayn. And this was done at Christmas was twelfmoneth. And also whear this deponent did appoint all the mynisters to lay away the habites used in the quere and that they had so done, the said Mr. Bruarne with others commaunded them to resume agayn, and so have ever sens contynued.'

Henry Ryly, B.D., deposed that

he herde Mr. Allen say that Mr. Bruarne hath used Jewishe ceremonyes and thinketh verayly that he is a manyfest papist, a maynteyner of supersticion as aulters crosses and candellis, as appeared in the working against Mr. Allen.

Edward Morecroft deposed that he

hath herde say he is a conjurer, and that he hath a famyliar, which often in company wolde stryke on the shynnes or elleswhere wheruppon he wolde be even say *This famylyar is over famyliar, but I will be even with him and tye his nose to the Jakes thes iii dayes.* . . .

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Chapel,
Windsor.* XV. 20. 1.—Lease from the dean and canons to Edward More, gentleman, of the manor of Hertely Deaspayl [Hartley Wespall, Hampshire]; the tenant to repair the mill and millhouse, *provided alway that the seyd deane and chanons shall fynde a sufficient ston for the corne myll callyd a ryder.* 8 Sept., 22 Edw. IV [1482].

XV. 24. 1.—Grant by Thomas de Bolend[on], [Bullington, Hampshire], by the counsel and assent of Awisia his wife, to Eustace de Gavelacra of half a virgate of land at Bolend', with the messuage and toft which Gilbert Putegh held of him, and Gilbert himself with all his brood, and two oxen free in common pasture of the town, and thirty sheep in common pasture with the lambs in them, for the service of two shillings a year. Witness: Sir Henry of St. Valéry, Sir Emeric de Sacy, and others named. Early thirteenth century.

XV. 24. 8.—Grant by Hugh le Despenser the younger, son of the earl of Winchester, to Sir William de Brewosa, lord of the honour of Brembre [Sussex], of the manor of Carleton in Lincolnshire. Witness: Sirs John de Claveryng', Roger de Grey, William de Bereford, John de Bousser, Robert de Perpount, William son of William, knights; Sir Robert Milys, clerk, now receiver of the queen, John Talebot, Hugh Peroun. [1322–1326.]

XV. 24. 18.—Release by Benedict son of Thomas of Dalling to William prior of the church of the holy Trinity at Norwich and the convent of the same place, for the use of their almonry, of a rent from a tenement at Dalling [Norfolk]. [c. 1268–1288.]

XV. 24. 35.—Notification by archbishop Theobald, in synod at Canterbury, of a composition between the monks of St. Alban's and the canons regular of Leeds [Kent] concerning tithes at Ringeton.*

T. dei gratia Cant[uariensis] archiepiscopus Anglorum primas et apostolice sedis legatus uniuersis sancte ecclesie fidelibus salutem. Nouerit uestra uniuersitas tam presentium quam futurorum quoniam controuersia inter monachos beati Albani et canonicos regulares de Sledis diutius super decimis de Ringetona agitata, [in presentia†] nostra in sinodo Cant[uarie] trium hominum antiquorum eius uille iurament[o quieuit†] hoc modo uidelicet quod predicti canonici habebunt decimas xiii. subscriptorum hominum, de illis terris quas tenuerunt die qua idem manerium de Ringetona in manu Nigelli de Wast primum deuolutum fuit.‡ Woluricus de Hemwolda tenuit dc.l. acras; Edwinus Boddi l. acras; Brictmarus filius Wolurici l. acras; Edwinus de

* Perhaps Ringleton, in Woodnesborough, Kent: see Hasted's *Kent*, iv. 237.

† A hole in the parchment.

‡ According to the register of benefactors to St. Albans abbey (Dugdale, ii. 220a). Nigel de Wast granted to the monastery land at Ceccinge and tithes at Ringeton, and afterwards gave the churches of Mylebroc and Hamptehulle [Amphill in Bedfordshire]; of which two he was the possessor in Domesday Book.

Ringetona xvi. acras; Woluricus Merspie ii. acras; *St. George's*
 Alfwinus sacerdos i. acram; Gotselinus ii. acras; *Chapel,*
 Aderedus iii. acras et i. uirgam; Eadelmus i. acram; *Windsor.*
 Alfwinus fullo i. acram; Wolfwius faber vii. acras;
 Wolfwin le blache i. curtillagium; Leofwinus Langeteill
 i. acram. De his itaque terris prenominatorum
 hominum habebunt decimas canonici decetero absque
 calumpnia et pulsatione monachorum in perpetuum.
 Monachi uero de omnibus aliis terris eiusdem uille
 decimas percipient singulis annis perpetuo absque
 int[. . . . *]atione canonicorum. Precipimus itaque ut
 huius controuersie finis firmus [. . . . per]maneant nostra
 autoritate et testimonio confirmatus. Valet.

[c. 1150-1161.] Endorsed in a thirteenth century hand:
Compositio inter nos et monachos de sancto Albano.

XV. 24. 36.—Letters patent of Ralph Ghernun notifying the settlement of a dispute between him and the abbot of Oselueston [Ouston, Leicestershire], concerning the moiety of the church of Withem [North Witham, Lincolnshire]. End of twelfth century. Seal. Writing partly obliterated by galls or damp.

XV. 24. 37.—Grant by William de Lilleswortha son of Godwyn de Lilleswortha to Martin de Wexford of land between that of Ralph de Sandoñ and that of Thomas de Sandon. Early thirteenth century. Seal. Tied to a grant by Richard, prior and the brethren of the hospital of the holy Ghost of Sand[on] [Surrey], to Gilbert Ardegrip of the land which his mother Aldith formerly held of the hospital in Heuerichelham [Hersham in Walton].

XV. 24. 39.—Grant by Jordan de Tangas to Adam Tael and Geoffrey son of Helyas Palmer of land which Ralph son of John held of the prior of Ledes in the town of Lamburhurst [Kent]. Witnesses. First half of thirteenth century.

XV. 24. 40.—Grant by Helena daughter of William de Aula of Migham [Midgham, Berkshire] to Adam of Bustleham of land at Netelhit running from the high road towards Reading *uersus a[u]strum in Kenete*. Witnesses. Early thirteenth century.

XV. 24. 41.—Grant by William son of Robert of Gernemuth [Yarmouth] to the monastery of St. Margaret at Lenn [Lynn] of a rent charged on the land held of him by Johel le Brocur in Lenn. Witnesses. Middle of thirteenth century.

XV. 24. 42.—Grant by Elena daughter of William de Aula to Stephen de la Wile of all her demesne at Migham, excepting half a virgate formerly held by Walter Wiland in frank marriage with Marjoria his wife. Witness: Sir Nicolas of Henred, sheriff of Berkshire; Sir Robert of Mapeldurham; and others named. [c. 1230-1240.]

XV. 24. 55.—Grant by Sir John de Clynton, lord of Makistoke, to Thomas de Beauchamp, earl of Warwick, of 200*l.* of yearly

* A hole in the parchment.

St. George's rent: to wit, from the manors of Shustoke, Whitacre, *Chapel,* Alduluestre, Ashbrok', Pyrycroft, and Glascote, in Warwick-
Windsor. shire, 140*l.*; from the manors of Folkestan, Huntyngham, and Croft, in Kent, 40*l.*; and from the manor of Blakehamme in Sussex, 20*l.*: conditionally on the earl's paying him 200*l.* yearly from the manor of Chaddesley Corbet in Worcestershire. London: 16 October, 16 Edw. III [1362]. *French.*

XV. 24. 59.—Grant by John de Mitriaquo, prior of St. Michael de Vasto in the county of Boulogne by the sea in France, to Sir Nicolas Tamworth knight and Joan his wife of his manor of Wynterborne Wasti [Winterborne Monkton] in Dorset. Ledecombe Regis, Berkshire: 1 Sept., 41 Edw. III [1367]. Seal.

XV. 24. 81.—Copy of claims made by the mayor and commonalty of the city of New Saresbiry, with reference to rents, services, and jurisdiction, against Richard [Beauchamp], bishop of Salisbury; certified by John Mashon notary. Sixteenth century.

XV. 25. 57.—Covenant between William, marquess and earl of Suffolk, and Alice his wife, and the provost and royal college of St. Mary at Eton, that inasmuch as the former have by fine levied in the king's court granted to the latter their manor or demesne of Grovebury, otherwise called Leghton Busard, in Bedfordshire, together with the church of Tyntagell, in Cornwall, and divers messuages, lands, and rents at Stodeham in Hertfordshire, at Neweford and Blanford in Dorset, at Stukeley, Northalls, Edelesburgh, and Rodenache in Buckinghamshire, at Compton St. John in Sussex, and at Portesmouth and Burghegge in Hampshire, which the said marquess and Alice his wife held for the life of the same Alice, being tenant in fee tail after the failure of the possibility of issue of the body of the same Alice and John Philip, knight, formerly her husband, now deceased,—the reversion thereof after the death of the same Alice appertaining to the said provost and college,—at a rent of 220*l.* a year, subject to clauses for distraint and re-entry in case of non-payment; the provost and college bind themselves if the rent be in arrear for the space of a year to pay to the said marquess and his wife *ualorem tocius grossi bosci pro edificacione abilis** *in dicta domo, manerio, siue dominio de Grouebury.* [*uel alibi*] *succisi.* St. Clement the Bishop, 25 Hen. VI [23 Nov. 1446]. Seal of Eton College imperfect.

XV. 27. 4.—Lease of land at Preston next Milverton in Somerset, being part of the alien priory of St. Mary Magdalen of Goldecliff in the march of Wales and diocese of Llandaff, which is in England [now in Monmouthshire], granted by Edward IV to the dean and canons. Windsor: 14 Jan., 20½ Edw. IV [1481].

XV. 31. 1.—Acquittance from the abbot of Oseney, collector of the tenth imposed by Clement for two years on the clergy

* *Sic.*

of England for the business of the Holy Land, to the prior of Okeburne for various sums paid towards the first moiety of the tenth for the second of the two years. Oseney: 14 Aug. 1307.

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Other acquittances of collectors are No. 4, 5, 6, 10.

XV. 31. 2.—Indenture between Henry de Pentelawe and John de Brumpton, guardians of the lands, tenements, and goods of the alien religious of the power and lordship of the king of France, in the counties of Oxford and Berkshire, and brother Richard, prior of Okebourne, witnessing that the former parties delivered to the prior the parsonage of the church of Wantage and all lands, &c., belonging thereto, and sundry chattels whereof an inventory is subjoined. Wantage: Thursday after the Epiphany, 18 Edw. II [10 Jan. 1325].

No. 3, of the same date, witnesses the delivery of the manor of Wantage, likewise with an inventory of chattels.

XV. 31. 8.—Customs and rents of Okeburne Magna and Minor. *Temp.* Edw. III.

XV. 31. 23.—Calendar of deeds relating to Okeburne priory, preserved in the Erary. In Thomas Frith's handwriting. Early seventeenth century.

XV. 31. 27.—List of rents of customary tenants and freeholders at Charleton [in Wantage]. *Temp.* Jac. I.

XV. 31. 28.—Excerpts from court rolls of Wantage, Charleton, and Grove. 7-22 Jac. I.

XV. 31. 33-37.—Accounts and rentals of Haseley. Fourteenth-fifteenth century.

XV. 31. 39. 42-44, 46-48.—Rolls of the court of the dean and canons at Haseley, 1507-1547.

XV. 31. 61.—Terrier of the rectory of Hungerford, 5 Hen. VIII 'copied from one in Mr. Frith's hand' and of value as assisting the decipherment of the fragmentary and dilapidated original, No. 62. The last six lines of No. 61 are additional. No. 62 contains also terriers of West Ilsley, Newbury, Hartley Westpoll, Roke Manor, Eweshott, Odyam, and Caxton.

XV. 31. 64.—Certificate by Gilbert [Segrave], bishop of London, of the appropriation of the church of Rysselep to the abbot and convent of Bec Herlewyn. Stewenheth [Stepney]: 30 July 1314. Seal.

XV. 31. 74.—Ordinance by archbishop Boniface giving effect to a composition between Mr. Peter Limovicensis, rector of Heese [Hayes], dio. London, and Richard de Flammaville, prior of Risselipp, in a dispute concerning tithes. Lamheth: Wednesday after the Translation of St. Benedict [14 July], 1260. Modern copy.

XV. 31. 75.—Release by Juliana widow of William Angevin to the Canons of St. Peter at Dunstable of lands at Hockliffe [Bedfordshire].

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Iuliana quondam uxor
Willelmi Angeuin de Hoccliuia concessi et quietum
clamaui canonicis ecclesie sancti Petri de Dunstaplia

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ad opus elemosinarie sue pro Deo et salute anime mee totum ius et clameum quod habui uel habere potui nomine dotis uel alicuius rei occasione in illis duabus acris et dimidia terre arrabilis et dimidia acra prati cum pertinentiis in campo de Hoccliua quas Willelmus Ange[ui]n] quondam uir meus tenuit et eisdem canonicis habendas concessit. Quare uolo quod dicti canonici habeant et teneant dictas terras cum pertinentiis et pratum soli et quietas de me inperpetuum. Quod ut ratum sit presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Ricardo de Wocchon, Waltero de Kirkebi, Nicholas de Worpingg, Iohanne Ianitore, Iohanne Letice, Hereberto de Buteno, Waltero de Cotes, et aliis.

Late twelfth century. Parts of the text have almost entirely faded.

XV. 32. 1.—Grant by William le Dive, knight, and lord of Deddington Castle, of a messuage in New Street, Deddington.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Willelmus le Diue miles et dominus castelli de Dadinton dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Ricardo Sibes de Tackele pro quadraginta solidis argenti quos dedit mihi pre manibus in gersumam unum mesuagium cum curtilagio et crofto et suis pertinentiis in nouo uico de Dadinton, illud scilicet seitum inter tenementum Iohannis Stroup le smeremongere ex una parte et tenementum Helye fabri de Eyford ex altera: Habendum et tenendum de me et heredibus meis siue assignatis predicto Ricardo et heredibus suis et suis assignatis uel cuicunque aut quodocunque dictum mesuagium cum curtilagio et crofto et suis pertinentiis dare, uendere, uel assignare uoluerit, libere et quiete, bene et in bona pace, honorifice, integre, et in perpetuum: Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis hosdem redditus et eadem seruicia sicut alii uicini sui reddunt et faciunt qui tenent de feoffamento et de eodem tenemento. Et ego uero Willelmus et heredes mei siue assignati predictum mesuagium cum curtilagio et crofto et suis pertinenciis predicto Ricardo et heredibus suis et assignatis in perpetuum per predictum seruicium contra omnes gentes mortales warantizabimus. Et ut hec mea donacio et concessio et presentis carte mee confirmatio et warantya rate et stabiles et inconcusse semper permaneant hanc presentem cartam inpressione sigilli mei corroboraui. Hiis testibus, Iohanne Missoc, Philippo Turcop, Willelmo Makerel, Osberto Anglico, Ricardo Poydras, Nicholao Trane, Iohanne Stroup, Rogero filio Hugonis nigri, Roberto fabro, Stephano de Camera, Roberto Deth, et aliis.

Late twelfth century. Seal.

XV. 32. 22.—Appropriation by William [Edyngdon], bishop of Winchester, under authority of the licence of Clement VI

(Avignon, 31 Jan., a. 9 [1351]) here recited, of the church of *St. George's Chapel, Windsor*.
Dadyngton to the warden and college of the royal chapel in Windsor Castle. Southwark: 10 June, 1352.

XV. 32. 45, &c.—Court rolls of Deddington. 1538 and later.

XV. 34. 41.—An account of which the heading has been lost but the date is 20–21 Henry VI contains a series of payments to attendants at the obits of bishop William Edyngton (8 Oct. [1366]), Robert Veere, earl of Oxford (21 November [1392]), Thomas, earl of Warwick (26 November [1369]), John Chapman (29 November), Ralph of Windsor, Thomas Bewford duke of Exeter, William Mugge (23 November [1380]), king Henry IV, Henry duke of Lancaster, Henry V, John duke of Bedford, and others.

XV. 37. 1.—*Inspeximus* by Anselm dean of Hereford, of an *inspeximus* of P[eter] bishop of Hereford (February 1252), of a charter of Henry III (2 Oct., a. 33 [1249])* granting to the master and brethren of the hospital of St. Anthony in the diocese of Vienne, for the use of the poor dwelling in the hospital, the advowson of the church of All Saints, Hereford, and the chapel of St. Martin thereto pertaining. The bishop's document states,

Hinc est quod eciam [?] ad hospitale predictum beati Antonii magna de diuersis mundi partibus pauperum et infirmorum confluat multitudo, qui occulto Dei iudicio igne beati Antonii qui uulgaliter† dicitur infernalis miserabiliter ultra quam credi possit in eadem domo usquequo in dicti hospitalis refugio se recolligant cruciantur, ibidemque Dei custodientes precepta perpetuo seruire permittantur dicto sancto et suis uicariis obedire, quibus nos testimonium perhibentes ipsos quos ipsis [uidi]mus oculis uere martires reputamus, cum quibusdam‡ ruptis laterum compagibus pateant nuda uiscera eorundem, quibusdam dissolutis artuum iuncturis membra articulatim labantur; quidam [eciam p]jedibus, quidam manibus uiduentur; quidam consumptis labiis denudatis lingua succensa horribiliter deturpentur: sicque adeo illorum natura diuino iudicio deformetur ut non tam homines [quam mon]stra horribilia u[id]eantur: et hiis afflictis doloribus mortem querant et non inueniant; mori cupiant, et infelicitur uiuant.

August 1253. Seal fragmentary. The document is defective and the writing has in parts perished.

XV. 37. 2. 3.—*Inspeximus* by Edward I of Henry III's grant above mentioned, and restoration after a judicial recovery of the same. 21 June 1293, and 25 June 1295.§ Great seals.

XV. 37. 10.—Grant by William Say, master or warden of the hospital of St. Anthony, London, and the brethren of the

* *Calendar of Charter Rolls*, i. 345.

† *Sic*.

‡ MS. *quibusdem*.

§ *Calendar of Patent Rolls*, Edward I, 1292–1301, p. 138.

St. George's Chapel, Windsor. same, to Henry Sampson, provost of the royal college at Oxford commonly called Oreall and the scholars of the same, of a yearly rent of 20*l.* from the manors of Valence and Esthalle in Essex for the exhibition and maintenance of certain scholars. 20 November, 30 Hen. VI [1451].

XV. 37. 21 and 8.—Accounts of the master of St. Anthony's hospital, 1495. Other accounts are Nos. 22 (1497), 25 (1501), 33 (1521).

XV. 37. 87. 92–99. 106. 108.—Papers concerning St. Anthony's school. *Temp. Eliz.*—Jac. I.

XV. 41. 70.—Petition by Engelger de Bohon to Henry, bishop of Winchester, to confirm his grant to Quarr abbey of his land at Haseley in the isle of Wight. [1140–1143.]

H. Wintoniensi episcopo et apostolice sedis legato, Engelg' de Bohon salutem. Notifico excellentie uestre, karissime domine, me in elemosina dedisse ecclesie sancte Marie de Quadraria que in insula de Wist sita est terram meam de Haseleia quam in predicta insula iure hereditario possidebam: dedi, inquam, eandem terram predictae ecclesie libere et quiete perpetuo possidendam, precorque ut pro Dei amore eandem elemosinam manuteneatis et sigillo auctoritatis uestre confirmetis. Valete.*

XV. 41. 71.—Report by the prior of Ivychurch, the succentor of Salisbury, and the dean of Wilton, delegates under a commission of Gregory IX (Perugia, 28 March, a. 3 [1229]), of the composition arrived at in a dispute between P., rector of Esth[e]nr[e]d[?], and others (including the abbot and convent of Bec) concerning tithes. Salisbury: Friday after Holy Trinity [7 June], 1230.

XV. 41. 72.—*Inspeximus* by the abbots of Bec, St. Ouen, Jumièges, and Holy Trinity de Monte at Rouen, of an *inspeximus* by Henry III (Guildford, 26 September, a. 11 [1227])† of a charter of Henry II granting in perpetual alms to Hugh, archbishop of Rouen, in exchange for Gisors, half the manor of Kyllon [Kilham, Yorkshire], whereof he has given the other half to the canons of Rouen, to be held *sicut rex Henricus avus meus eam in dominio suo tenuit*. (Witnesses: [Theobald‡] archbishop of Canterbury, Nigel bishop of Ely, Jocelin of Salisbury, R[obert] of Exeter, Reynald earl of Cornwall, earl Geoffrey of Magnavill, Manasses Bisset steward, Richard of Canvill, William fitz John; at Reading§) November 1236.

* Engelger de Bohun's charter conveying the grant is in Dugdale, v. 317. The witnesses to that deed place it between 1140 and 1147; while the description of bishop Henry as legate in the present document shows that it is not later than 1143.

† Printed in the *Calendar of Charter Rolls*, i. 61.

‡ The name is given in an *inspeximus* of 1275: Round, *Calendar of Documents, France*, i. 4f.

§ Henry II's charter is dated by Mr. Round between 1154 and 1158.

XV. 44. 78.—Covenant whereby John Godefrey of New Windsor demises to the community of the town, for the fabric of the Thames bridge, six shillings' worth of rent charged upon his *seuda* in Windsor for sixty years. 20 March, 17 Edw. III, 1342. Seal of the borough.

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XV. 47. 1.—Grant by Adam, abbot of Gloucester and the convent of the place, to king Edward III of the advowson of the church of Wyrardesbury [Wraysbury] with the chapel of Langele Mareys, in exchange for the manor of la Bertone near Gloucester with the weir [*gurges*] of Minstreworth and half of the weir of Dunye and with the profit of taking *uirgae* in the king's forest of Dene. Gloucester: 25 June 1345. Seal and counterseal.

XV. 54. 1.—Grant by William of Fécamp to the church of St. John Baptist at Sandelford of land at Wideheia [East Woodhay]. c. 1150.

Sciant tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Willelmus de Fiscampo dedi et concessi in perpetuam elemosinam Deo et ecclesie sancti Iohannis babbiste de Sandelford duas acras inbladatas in terra de Wideheia secundas meliores annuatim reddendas, unam de frumento ad oblationes in officium altaris faciendas, aliam de auena ad farinam fratribus in predicta ecclesia Deo seruientibus faciendam: pro anima mea et pro animabus antecessorum meorum. His testibus: domina Purnella eius uxore, Filippo Croc, Iohanne capellano, Galfrido presbitero, Willelmo Bellet, Radulfo Piione, Clemente, Riulfo, Ricardo Mainefac, Gileberto presbitero, Radulfo presbitero.

XV. 54. 2.—Grant by Henry of St. Walery to the canons of Sandefford of land at Bolendon. Witness: Sir Henry de Wodecote, Thomas de Geureges, Herbert de Canyc, Ralph Falkonar, John Duredent, Richard of Chalgrave, Alexander of Bolendon, John of Sorham, clerk. Early thirteenth century.

XV. 54. 3-6 and 8-33.—An interesting series of grants to the church of Sandelford of the thirteenth century.

XV. 55. 40.—Confirmation by the prior and convent of the Holy Trinity, Hastings, to the church of St. Nicholas, Yarmouth, of a rent of 10s. in Yarmouth given by Robert de Castra, at a rent of 12*d*. Witness: William Blangis of Hastings, Henry Buchart of Rye, William fitz Robert of Hastings, Thomas de Willardeby, Matthew of Rye, Mr. William Ruffus, and others. Early thirteenth century.

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In the Diocesan Registry a mass of papers was recently found which had been for many years overlooked, both bound and unbound, in great confusion and many of them mutilated and damp-stained. They were at once partially examined by a gentleman who was engaged in writing the history of the parish in which he lives, Mr. Hockaday of Lydney; and upon the Bishop's becoming acquainted with the discovery his Lordship requested the Commissioners to authorise further and fuller investigation. Of this the following report furnishes the results, which shows that there have now been brought to light some of the earliest records of the see founded by King Henry VIII.

1542.—A brief record, in a paper book, of the primary visitation of the first Bishop of Gloucester and last Abbot of Tewkesbury, John Wakeman, held in May, 1542.

The record is very scanty, and consists chiefly of entries, under the several deaneries, of the attendance of the Chancellor on specified days in May and June, with in most instances nothing further. Where anything is added, it is only in notes of cases of ecclesiastical prosecution in the promotion of '*Officium domini*'; and here and there, as in the deanery of Newent, the names of the churchwardens and some others are given. But on the first two leaves there is a copy signed '*per me Johannem Tailer*,' the Registrar, of the answers of Prebendaries, to special articles of enquiry respecting the Cathedral, which show how at once on its first foundation gross irregularities had crept in.

Thomas Kyngeswood, [prebendary,] to the enquiry whether divine services were observed '*secundum modum et formam prout fieri debent*,' answers, '*Non*,' for prime and the other canonical hours are not sung. Is the church sufficiently repaired? '*Non*.' Does the Dean give account of the profits belonging to the church? '*Non, usque in hunc diem*.' Do the stipendiaries do their duty, and do they enter the choir decently? '*Non, pro eo quod incedunt in habitu nimis lascivo et dissoluto, cum pugionibus etiam oblongis, rixando et objurgando adinvicem*.' Yet Master Henry Wyllys, prebendary,

questioned 'quoad mores hominum ministrancium,' says, *Diocese of Gloucester.* 'credit omnes esse honeste et bone conversacionis'; but to the question as above concerning the stipendiaries, he answers 'Non.' Whether instruments are duly sealed with the common and chapter seal? 'Unum tantum, illo sciente, viz. commissionem Johannes Tailer pro officio registrarii.' Has the Dean rendered an account? No, but he believes he is going to do so before Christmas next. Richard Browne, prebendary, as to the due observance of divine service answers, 'Non, pro eo quod... (*entry torn off*)... nulli libri, viz. antyphone, grayells, processyonalls et...' Master Edward Benett, prebendary, to the first query as to the due number of ministers, says (in English), that the Usher came at Michaelmas and the Schoolmaster at Christmas, and that one petty canon was lacking for half a year; the nomination of inferior ministers belongs to the Dean and Chapter; as to divine service, prime, terce, sext, and nones are wanting. Some repairs are wanting, and some books; the sealed instruments are only those of the Commission of the Registrar, and the certificate of the Dean and Chapter to the Bishop for his visitation. Master John Huntley, prebendary, agrees on all points with the preceding witness. At the end of the book is a copy of an ordinance made in 1304 by Bishop William [de Geynesburgh] of Worcester regarding the endowment of the vicarage of Wickwan (*sic*), a church which had been appropriated to the abbey of Baddesley.

1548.—Visitation by Bishop Wakeman in the seventh year of his episcopate, 28 May–19 Nov. At the close, attendance is summoned to be made in the chamber of the Bishop called 'the Square Chamber.' To the note of the last meeting, on 19 Nov., these memoranda have been added in the margin by two hands of the latter part of the century: 'Mr. Deane sworne. The Statuts read to the officers and members of the Colledge at the time of Visitacion and shewed to the Bpp.' The volume commences with xxxvii Articles of Enquiry addressed to the clergy of the diocese in general, as follow:—

1, 2. Of the abolishment of the pretended power of the Bishop of Rome and the declaring of the same four times yearly in sermons, and of the King's power as the highest under God.

3. 'Whether all imagez, shrynez and the lyke thynges myssused in tyme past, by the which superstition and hypocresie crepte in diverse mennes hartes, be cleane abolished.'

4. Whether all parsons, vicars and curates do teach that all goodness health and grace ought to be asked and looked for only of God.

5. Whether every quarter in the year at least there is a sermon declaring the word of God, and dissuading the crediting any 'fantasy' devised by man's tradition.

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6. Whether there be any lights in the church set before any image, or in any place otherwise than two lights upon the high altar before the Sacrament.

7. Whether on every holyday, when they have no sermon, all parsons, vicars and curates immediately after the Gospel recite openly in the pulpit the Pater Noster, Credo, and the Ten Commandments, in English, exhorting all householders to teach their children and servants the same.

8. Whether they exhort their parishioners to educate and bring up their children and other youth in some honest art or science, so that they be virtuously occupied and idleness eschewed.

9. Whether they have honestly and reverently ministered to their parishioners all sacraments, and being lawfully absent have appointed a learned, lawful and honest curate.

10. Whether there be in every church a Bible in English of the largest volume, commodiously set, and whether any have interrupted or letted the quiet and sober reading thereof.

11. Whether any parson, vicar, curate, or other ecclesiastical person, have haunted any tavern or alehouse, and there by day or night have used to play at dice, cards, tables, or any other unlawful game.

12. Whether the curate of every parish hath in time of confession examined their parishioners whether they can recite the articles of their creed, the *Pater Noster*, and the Ten Commandments in English.

13. Whether they have admitted any to preach but such as are sufficiently licensed, and have interrupted any that are so licensed.

14. Whether they know any person to despise and neglect the King's Injunctions or who is a fautour of the Bishop of Rome's pretended power.

15. Whether the book commanded by the King concerning wedding, christening and burying be safely kept and exercised in every parish.

16. Whether the distributions of the fourtieth part of all benefices of the yearly value of 20*l.* held by non-residents are yearly made in the presence of the churchwardens or other honest men.

17. Whether a competent exhibition for a scholar at Oxford or Cambridge be given from benefices of 100*l.*, since the statute thereon was provided.

18. Whether proprietors, parsons [etc.] have given the fifth part of their benefices for repairs of their churches being in decay, and also keep always and maintain the same.

19. Whether once every quarter they read the King's Injunctions in their churches.

20. Whether any obstinate contemptuous person withholds the due payment of tithe.

21. Whether any person since the King's late Visitation by his private and 'temerous' authority hath changed the common order or manner of any fasting-day.

22. Whether every parson, vicar, curate, and stipendiary priest being under the degree of Bachelor of Divinity has, at his or their own charges, the New Testament in Latin and English with the *Paraphrases* of Erasmus. 'Et nunc sunt examinandi clerici super hunc articulum.' Diocese
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23. Whether in every church at high mass time they always read the Epistle and Gospel of that mass in English and not in Latin, in such convenient place as the people may hear the same, and whether every Sunday and holyday they plainly read, or cause to be read, one chapter of the New Testament in English at matins immediately after the Lessons, and at evensong after *Magnificat* one chapter of the Old Testament.

24. Whether they have diligently resorted in their parishes to all that were sick, persuading them stedfastly to believe, and to trust in the mercy of God through the merits of our Saviour, further comforting them with the comfortable places of Scripture, which is the lively word of God, wherein the only stay of man's conscience consisteth.

25. Whether they sing or say the Procession set forth in English by the King, and no other, at such time and places as the King's Injunctions have appointed.

26. Whether they have admitted any person to the communion of the blessed Sacrament of the Altar whom they have known not to be in perfect love and charity with his neighbours.

27. Whether they have diligently instructed their parishioners of the true using of ceremonies, and always to avoid the superstitious abuse thereof, declaring the great peril of those who put any trust superstitiously in them.

28. Whether there be in any churches shrines, coverings of shrines, tables, 'tryndels,'* or other monuments of feigned miracles not yet utterly extinct and destroyed.

29. Whether there be in every church an honest pulpit set in some convenient place, provided by the charge of the parishioners.

30. Whether there be in every church a coffer with locks and keys to receive the common alms for the poor people, and whether the curate diligently, and specially at the time of sickness, exhorts all persons to extend their charity.

31. Whether any persons are known to have obtained any benefice by simony, or any patrons to have bestowed the same.

32. Whether they have in their churches one book called the King's Homilies, and whether every Sunday they diligently read one of the same in the hearing of their parishioners.

33. Whether they know any person who doth indiscreetly, contemptuously, and uncharitably abuse priests and the ministers of the church, irreverently railing upon them, who ought to be had in reverence for their office and ministration.

* 'Trindals,' *al.* 'Trindles,' rolls of wax; *Cranmer's Works*, Parker Society, ii, 155, 203; *Ridley's Works*, 532.

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34. Whether they know any person using any primer in Latin or English other than those set forth by King Henry VIII 'of moost famous memorie'; whether all graces at dinner or supper be in English; and whether all schoolmasters use no other grammar than is set forth by the said King.

35. Whether a true and perfect inventory be made in every parish church of all such jewels and goods which shall be there, without any concealment, deceit or fraud, according to the King's letters in that behalf.

36. Concerning fornicators, adulterers, or haunters of taverns.

37. Concerning testaments, and inventories and administration of dead men's goods.

Besides these general articles in English there are ten in Latin, administered '*ministrantibus in ecclesia cathedrali*,' and primarily to the Dean.

1. Regarding the due custody of the goods moveable and immovable.

2. Whether he, as bound by the Statutes of the House, admonishes the canons and other ministers '*obsecrando, arguendo, increpando, ut divine officia cum decore celebrentur, et ut conciones statutis diebus habeantur.*'

3. Concerning the yearly survey of lands and tenements.

4. Yearly accounts, and inventory of moveables to be given to the Treasurer.

5. Of the due residence within the boundaries of the church.

6. Whether he has himself observed the statutes, injunctions and proclamations of the King as far as in his power, and has procured their observance by others.

7. Whether he has provided, and still provides, at his own cost a competent exhibition for at least one clerk studying in some University.

8. Whether he has kept up the full number of ministers in the church according to the statutes of the House.

9. Whether he has caused the due residence of the Canons to be kept, and has punished non-residents.

10. Whether to each canon holding hospitality he has caused due distribution of the goods of the House to be made according to the Statutes.

To these questions the Dean, 'Mr. William Jenyns,' answers affirmatively, adding to the sixth answer, '*salvo sibi periculo juramenti, pro eo quod nullo modo ex crassa negligentia, contento in dicto articulo,*' and to the eighth, '*quod numerus canonicorum plenus est, uno, videlicet Johanne Cutler, dempto, ob justas causas expulso, prout statutis cantum est.*'

Master Richard Browne, the Sub-dean, replies to the sixth of the general questions that there are only two lights standing on the high altar; to the twenty-first, that '*circa consecrationem Eucharistie modus, forma, et ordo variantur, auctore Rogero Tilar, ac etiam quoad cetera divina officia, et dubitat*

dictus deponens an dictus Tilar habet intentionem consecrandi'; to the twenty-fifth, 'respondet negative'; to the thirty-sixth, 'quod nihil potest deponere preter quod dicit publicam famam esse quod Rogerus Tilar impregnavit quandam mulierem'; 'et quoad injunctiones locales, respondet quod omnia bene aguntur, preter quod librarium et libros in eodem contentos hucusque plenarie non acquisivimus, adhibita tamen diligentia qua nonnullos obtinuimus.'

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Henry Willis, canon, agrees generally with the answers of the Sub-dean; with regard to the library, however, he says that '*plurimos* libros obtinuimus'; to the seventeenth article he says, 'quod pro certa sua notitia nec Decanus nec aliquis alius canonicus aliquam sufficientem exhibitionem prebet alicui studenti in academia aliqua'; and with regard to the twenty-second article he is doubtful. He adds, with regard to general observance of statutes, 'quod quidam pauperes eleemosynarii domini nostri Regis non peragunt debita sua officia juxta statuta dom. nostri Regis nobis tradita.'

Richard Mounslow, canon, agrees with Willis, but adds that at his own proper charges he maintains one scholar, named Ralph Mounslow, in school within the enclosure of the House, and partly affords an exhibition to Walter Jones, a student at Oxford 'in aula Neweinnensi'; he also says that he believes all the almsmen do their duty except Robert Eliottes.

Thomas Kyngeswood, canon, agrees generally with Willis, but with regard to the almsmen agrees with Mounslow.

John Huntley, canon, agrees generally with Willis; but adds (with Browne), 'quod circa consecrationem Eucharistie modus, forma, et ordo variantur, authore Rogero Tilar; et quoad cetera divina officia nihil aliud actum quam quod ex consensu decani et capituli agitur.'

Walter Jones, minor canon, says that all things are rightly observed, except that the library and books are not yet fully acquired, and that with regard to the twenty-first article, 'Rogerus Tilar, minor canonicus, temeraria sua autoritate debitam formam, modum et ordinem circa consecrationem Eucharistie non observat, et sic simili modo horas canonicas aliter quam solebamus in usu habemus.'

Three other minor canons, Richard Frowceter, William Bristowe ('de authore nescit') and Thomas Hendon, agree with Walter Jones; and, strange to say, Roger Tilar himself, who adds, 'alterationem quandam esse circa divina *authore ignoto*.'

Roger Stitche, 'lector Evangelii,' also agrees with Walter Jones, but adds, 'quod pincerna communis non recte peragit suum officium, et hoc maxime hyemali tempore quod uxor sua infra septa domus viri sui fungatur officio, et hoc contra conscientiam respondentis; et etiam quoad sacristas quod per se debito modo et solito suum non peragunt officium, sed valde negligenter per suos substitutos.'

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Edward Swalowe, clerk, says that all things are well done, and that the alteration with regard to the consecration of the Eucharist was begun by John Cutler and Roger Tilar, sub-canon.

John Sadler, clerk, agrees with Swalowe.

James Braffett, clerk, agrees with Swalowe, but adds, 'publicam famam laborare quod Rogerus Tilar incontinenter vivit, suspitiose saltem, cum quadam Margareta Perkyns, et quod Johannes Sadler simili modo vivit cum Margareta Blowmer, maritata, infra parochiam beate Marie.'

Henry Flower, clerk, agrees with Swalowe.

Richard Browne, the baker, says that all is well.

Edward Davisse, poor almsman, says that he is satisfied with his stipend ; that with regard to others all is well except that he agrees with Braffett's evidence respecting Tilar, and that one of his fellow-almsmen, Eliottes, 'magna ex parte abest ab divinis officiis.' Then Robert Eliott himself answers that all things are done well. But he is warned, in an injunction that follows, to fulfil in future all the duties pertaining to his office under pain of expulsion altogether. Richard Browne is similarly warned.

Injunctions follow : i., to Roger Tilar to remove at once all cause of suspicion and ill fame, under pain of expulsion, and to observe the same form in consecration of the Eucharist with the other ministers, 'ut unus decens ordo inter omnes ministrantes in dicta ecclesia observetur, et hoc donec et quousque aliter ordinatum et dispositum per dominum nostrum Regem' ; ii., to John Sadler to remove forthwith all cause of suspicion and ill fame under pain of expulsion.

In Wakeman's general diocesan visitation there are several illustrations afforded of the neglect which ensued in some parishes upon the transfer, as it would seem, of rectorial tithes, consequent on the dissolution of the religious houses. The King, Edward VI, becomes thus a defaulter and Bishop Wakeman himself. At the chapel of Hardwick there was no Bible, 'the default of the person, beyng my lord Bisshope of Glouc.,' and the chancel at Cam was in decay by his default. At Wheatenhurst the chancel is in decay, and at the chapel of Lee, 'the Kynges Majestie beyng person there,' and at Ellmore and Hempsted and Quaddesley there is no Bible for the same reason. At King's Stanley there was no curate, by default of the King as parson. Amongst others in default are the Deans and Chapters of Gloucester and Hereford, and the Bishop of Bristol.

At Slymbridge two men, William Bowre and William Cloterboke, are presented for reading openly in the church and troubling the people, and as despisers of the blessed Sacrament of the altar, saying that it is of none effect, 'but doo call it in manour a stynckynge idoll ; and as concernynge the holy oyle the say it is of no vertue but rather it is mete to greyce sheepe and bootes, and all other ceremonies the

same ii. persons have despised.' Cloterboke appeared and confessed, but on account of his youth, being only 18, the judge suspended proceedings. The like was done with regard to John Clement of Oldbury, who 'usethe not the Sacrament of the aultere reverently, but callethe it baggage.' He appeared, and pleaded that, being but a simple man in learning, hearing, as he understood, the like words reported by those that were authorized to preach, he reported the same again, but now recognizes the verity according to God's word of the said blessed Sacrament. At Oldbury much was complained of as amiss, including that the chancel was ruinous by default of Christ Church in Oxford. At Dymock the curate declareth not the *Ave Maria* [nor the curate of Wollaston], and will not make holy bread or holy water.

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At Westbury, they had not 'the collect late sette furthe by the Kynges Majestie and his Counsell.'

At Longhope, 'they have sold sithen the feast of Eester last past one chalice, one pixe, and one litull crosse of silver parcell gilte, wayenge lii. oz. or thereabouts, for the fournyture of soldeours now into Scotland, or to some other place, to the Kynges majesties use, and also for thammendyng of the highe waye betwixte the said parrishe and Huntleye.'

At Tuddenham [Tidenham], Sir William Byvyng, vicar, broke the glass windows in the body of the church, and cast down a stone cross in the churchyard, and William Philpot sold a censer, a pix, and a little crucifix of silver for 5*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*, for the reparation of the tower.

At Newland, they had sold as much plate as same to 20*l.*, and employed the same for the tiling of one aisle which was falling down, and the painting, white-lining, and pointing of the church and steeple.

At English Bicknor, the parishioners had sold a chalice, which was made at their own cost, to repair their parish house; they have a pix and a silver chalice.

At Wick Risington, the parsonage was in great decay by default of Sir Henry Basyngburne, the parson, who is presented for not saying mass or matins in a fortnight; he sits at an ale-house at Burton at the tables all day, and little regards his parishioners.

The rest of this volume, after the general visitation of the diocese is taken up with the *Acta* of the Consistorial Court from June, 1551, to June, 1553.

A Visitation Register of Bishop Hooper in the years 1551-2 follows Wakeman's, but unfortunately it only contains the record of the persons summoned in the parishes of the several deaneries, with no notes of presentments or proceedings. Of the latter record no portion, not even a fragment, of the original appears to be in existence, but an eighteenth century transcript is preserved in the library of Dr. Williams in Gordon Square, London, of which some account is given in the volume of Hooper's *Later Writings*, edited for the Parker Society by

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Rev. C. Nevinson in 1852. From this MS. copy a very interesting and curious abstract of the results of an examination of all the clergy, severally, as to their knowledge of the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, and the Lord's Prayer was communicated to the *English Historical Review* by Dr. James Gairdner in January, 1904. It would seem that the original register was borrowed for the purpose of transcription and never returned, and it may be hoped that it may yet be discovered in some chance place of deposit.

But there is still preserved a curious series, perhaps unique in character, on nine leaves, of returns of the election in January, 155 $\frac{2}{3}$, of two proctors in Convocation (or as it is said in three returns, '*in Parliament*') by the clergy in seven deaneries. The return from Campden is accompanied by the mandate for the election, signed by John Williams, LL.D., Chancellor of the diocese. For Williams himself there was an unanimous vote; others nominated were Nicholas Oldysworth and Guy Eton, chaplain to Bishop Hooper. The signatures to the returns are in almost all cases those of the voters themselves.

And some further records of Hooper's episcopate have fortunately been lately found. For among the Office Books of the Bishop's Court, there is the record of cases tried from 13 June, 1551 to 17 June, 1553, in an unbound paper volume, comprehending nearly the whole period. The courts were held with great frequency, often two or three times in the week, but Hooper was always present at all the sittings up to October, 1551, and very often in 1552, thus affording evidence of his continual residence at that time at Gloucester. Mention is occasionally made of examinations and sentences being deferred until he should visit the deanery in which the cases occurred, and his own non-appearance at courts in 1553 may be accounted for by his holding visitations, and by his being also at that time Bishop of Worcester.

The heading of the first entry is the same in form as that which is found throughout: '*Acta habita et facta in Curia regia ecclesiastica tenta in ecclesia cathedrali Sancte et individue Trinitatis Glouc., loco consueto ibidem, die Sabbati, videlicet xiiij^o die mensis Junii, Anno Domini 1551, coram domino Episcopo.*' In subsequent headings the name of the bishop is given: '*coram reverendo in Christo patre et domino, domino Joanne Hoper, permissione divina Glouc. Episcopo.*' The majority of the cases dealt with are of incontinence or concerned with marriage contracts. In the former instances the penance enjoined to the man is usually that of going on Saturdays, bare-footed, bare-headed, and clad in his shirt, about the High Cross in Gloucester, making confession, and afterwards repeating the confession in the cathedral, or in his parish church, on the Sunday or several Sundays following. But ecclesiastical matters are of course also met with, and of these, illustrating the changes of the time, as well as of a few others of interest (including one of sorcery) I subjoin an abstract.

1551, 22 June.—The rood-loft at Beckford is ordered to be entirely destroyed by the following Saturday.

Same day.—William Newport, vicar of St. Owen's, Gloucester, is presented for sorcery for discovery of theft. Sibylle Bisshope, William Locksmith, and two other parishioners swear 'that the said vicare did use sorcerie with a keye, and did knyght fast the boke with stryngs, and the keye fast in the said book, and sayd these words folowyng, *In the name of the Father, of the Sonne, and of the Holy Goost. If Margaret Grenehill have the kerchief turne, or els stand still*, and there the key did turne and the boke witheall. And further said, *If Sibylla Bisshope have the kerchief, in the name of the Father, etc., turne I byd the*, meanyng the keye, and the key did not turne. And than the sayd vicar sayd, *If Maud Clerk have the kerchief, In the name of the Father, etc., I bydd the*, the said keye, turne, and the key did not turne.' Richard Bagget, sworn, saith 'that as concernyng iiij.li. whiche the said vicare lost, yf he had resorted in tyme to the place where the said iiij.li. laye in the beddestrawe, he shuld have had it agayne; and also if that he whiche had the moneye had not removed it awaye he shuld have brought it agayne, or els his eyes shuld start out.' William Lockesmythe, sworn, saith 'that as concernyng the loss of the sayd moneye, suspectynge one Margaret his servant, he went to the howse of oon Sibill, and there fetched a book of written hand with certen circles, under the whiche there was written, *Si videbas furem*, etc., and after that went unto the parisshe church of Saint Audoens, and in the chauncell did stand, and layed in the said bok fast bound and did hold the keye betwixt them bothe, and than the vicare did saye the said verse, and the key and the boke did turne togeyther, namyng the said Margaret. And afterward the said vicare did serche the howse and beddstrawe of the said Margaret upon the turnyng of the same keye.

'Deinde Dominus ob hujusmodi sortilegia per eum perpetrata decrevit eundem vicarium a celebratione divinorum suspendendum fore. 10 Aug. And farther the said Newport beyng examyned at what tyme he shuld practise the same, he saieth that it was done betwixt Easter and Witsontide was a twelvemonethe, and hereupon the said Newport chalengethe the Kynges pardon.' And on that day, 10 Aug., he is ordered to read what is contained in the bill of the charges publicly on the next Sunday, after the sermon, in the cathedral of Gloucester, and also on following Sundays, at the time of the homily, in the parish churches of St. Owen, St. Nicholas, and St. Michael.

16 July.—Thomas Cuffe is ordered to learn the Ten Commandments and the twelve Articles of the Faith by St. Bartholomew's day next.

31 July.—John Jenyns, curate of Hardwick, prosecutes John Hollborough for that 'upon Sonnedaye was iiij. weeks last past the said Jenyns in the afternoen the same daye

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teachyng the childerne the catechisme, the said Hollboroughe beyng present than and there, a litull girle than recityng the catechisme, the said curat prayes the girle, and so did this Hollboroughe. After that the said Jenyns asked Hollboroughe whether he could declare the x. Commaundments and the articles of the fayth with the Lord's prayer. He answered and said, *What hast thou to doo?* and upon this occasion than and there revyled the said curat, as it is more at large in the bill of complaynt of the said Jenyns, all which things the said Hollborough confessed.'

Six parishioners of Hardwick are presented for not being able to repeat the Commandments; and in August several like cases occur of persons being ordered to learn the Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer.

10 Aug.—The vicar of Wotton is ordered 'ad deliberandum librum in quo descripta erant nomina omnium et singulorum qui baptizabantur, etc, in ecclesia parochiali de Durrusley, ac etiam ad comparendum hoc in loco in quadam causa false fabricationis testamenti.' Dursley church is ordered to be repaired. John Trigg of Dursley is enjoined to stand on Sunday next in his shirt on a form in the church, 'and there shall openly saye that I suffer this penaunce bycause I can not say oon of the Commaundementes of Allmightie God, but I am more lyk an Ethnick than a Christen man.'

In the month of August there is a series of injunctions to the following clergy to desist from superstitions said to be specified in the bills, and to teach their parishioners to the contrary:—

Adrian Berne, rector of Dorsington.

George Nasshe, rector of Burton-on-the-Hill with the chapel of Moreton.

William Fox, vicar of Pebworth.

Thomas Etkyns, curate of Marston, 'et ut recantet articulum concernentem auricularem confessionem die dominica proxima.'

John Penne, vicar of Mykelby.

Thomas Weston, curate of Honyburne.

Henry Dawke, rector of Somerfeld Aston.

Humphrey Bowyer, curate of Campdeane.

John Kelyng, vicar of Eberton.

Nicholas Wyckes, rector of Battisford.

Thomas Lytull, vicar of Stanwey; also he is to learn the Ten Commandments.

Kenelm Deane, rector of Staunton, and his curate of Snowsell.

Michael Reynolds, rector of Kemmerton.

Richard Gabell, vicar of Tuddington, not to use hunting or hawking.

William Hoskyns, vicar of Didbroke. [Richard Stooke of Didbroke is ordered to learn the Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer.]

Roger Wynter, rector of Staunton in the forest of Dean, *Diocese of Gloucester.*
 'that he shall not from hensefurthe preache nor teache
 any transsubstantiation or any reall or corporal presence
 of Christ to be in the sacrament.'

(22 Sept.) William Dyckynson, rector of Estynton.

Richard Flemyng, rector of Elkeston.

John Gieles, curate of Rodborough.

William Ambrose, curate of Stanley.

14 Sept.—Richard Longeney of Erlingham appeared before the Bishop, Richard Pates, esq., justice of the peace, and John Williams, the Bishop's Chancellor, in a lower room of the Bishop's house, and exhibited a copy, written by John Laurenc, clerk of Erlingham, from the original, of a deed of gift, dated 23 Edw. III, of a bell, and confessed that at his instance it was left out of the inventory required by the King and his council to be made by the parishioners of Erlingham of the goods and jewels; whereupon the Bishop willed the said Longeney in no wise any further to attempt any thing derogatively to the King's laws, prerogative, or commodity.

23 Sept.—Thomas Donnyng of North Nibley is enjoined to receive the Communion; and John Robbyns and John Smart to restore to the churchwardens ('procuratoribus') of North Nibley the goods and jewels of the church.

24 Sept.—Robert Sparrie, clerk, rector of Charfyld, was examined by the Bishop with regard to his reading of the Scriptures, and could repeat nothing, and was altogether silent, whereupon the Bishop ordered his deprivation, but afterwards, on 7 Oct., for certain good reasons deferred his deprivation until next Easter.

30 Sept.—The churchwardens and parishioners of Wynchcomb certified by Thomas Hunt that certain images respecting which the said Hunt had been summoned had been entirely destroyed.

William Horsman, curate of Erlingham, being examined upon the 12 Articles of the Faith and the Ten Commandments, could answer nothing, whereupon the Bishop inhibited him from celebrating or ministering within the diocese, and ordered sequestration of the benefice.

1 Oct.—John Knollis, vicar of Assshellworth, is deprived of his vicarage for using scandalous and opprobrious words to Juliana Sheld, saying, *Thou art an unthrifty drab, goest by a man and wilt not speak*, and afterwards brake her head, 'and gave her other drye strypes.'

Three drunkards, of the parish of Penscome Howse (?) are ordered to stand up in their clothes on the coming Sunday, after the homily, and say *We are sorie for our intemperancie in over moche drynck, intendyng to amende ourselves from hensefurthe and to lyve sobrellye*, and are ordered to learn the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments by the feast of All Saints next.

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7 Oct.—John and William Wallcote of Wykewarre, are enjoined upon Sunday next to ask God's forgiveness for their blasphemy and drunkenship, and John Myllmon, of the same place, in like manner for blasphemy.

Laurence Gieles, curate of Wykewarre, is enjoined that he henceforth do not use words of the kind specified in a bill, 'et ut recantet verba antehac per eum prolata palam et publice in ecclesia parochiali de Wykewarre.'

The rector of Boxwell and Layterton is enjoined 'ut vacet studio sacrarum Scripturarum in posterum.'

8 Oct.—Roger Wynter, vicar of Wolaston, is enjoined to preach oftener hereafter against peregrinations, vows, relics, and superstitions of like kind. And John White and John James, the churchwardens of Wolaston, are enjoined to learn the Ten Commandments by the feast of All Saints next, to destroy the images in the church ('templo'), and to buy the Paraphrase [of Erasmus]. Several parishioners are ordered to pay moneys due from them to the church.

John Cook, curate of Alvyngton, is enjoined 'ne utatur superstitionibus et ceteris in billa corrigendorum.'

A fifth part of the profits of the parish church of Tyddenham ordered to be sequestrated for repair of the chancel, and a fortieth part of those of Wesseburye to be distributed to the poor of the parish.

Elizabeth Hicks, Joan Clerk, and William Baker of Wessburye are enjoined 'ne utantur sortilegiis et vanis superstitionibus in billa specificatis,' and to learn the Ten Commandments, and the two latter are ordered on Sunday next openly to declare 'that we are sorie for our offences committed in our so[r]ceries, etc.'

9 Oct.—Katherine Bridges of Thorneburye is enjoined 'ne de cetero utatur superstitionibus in billa specificatis,' and to learn the Ten Commandments by All Saints' day, to be certified by the vicar.

Thomas Mayle of Frampton-upon-Severn is enjoined 'ne de cetero utatur blasphemiiis in Deum,' is to learn the Ten Commandments by All Saints' day to be certified by the vicar on that day, and on Sunday next 'shall declare openlie that he is verie sorie for his great swearyng and will by Goddes grace never doe the same agayne.'

Two drunkards are ordered to make public confession.

Agnes Cooke of the same place is ordered to learn the Ten Commandments instead of public penance for blasphemy. [Another like case from the same place on 17 Oct.]

John Rowles of the same place is cited to appear, and to bring 'unum libellum preclarum Latine depictum.' He appears on 17 Oct. and is ordered to recite openly in the parish church a bill delivered to him by the Bishop.

10 Oct.—Public penance enjoined to Edward Myll, esq., but cause not stated.

16 Oct.—The churchwardens of Fretherne are ordered to buy the Paraphrase of Erasmus by All Saints' day. *Diocese
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Francis Till, rector of Dyrham, is absolved from excommunication, on the oath of two parishioners that he is an old man, in weak health, and unable to travel.

17 Oct.—Turbot, rector of Hasilton, is ordered to be deprived 'ob violationem injunctionum regiarum pro loco et tempore congruis et oportunis,' but the Bishop afterwards upon further examination changed the order, and admonished the parishioners and rector to do all according to the said injunctions by 26 Oct. Similar orders with regard to the rector of Hampnet and the vicar of Turkdean.

19 Oct.—Henry Dawks, rector of Hynton, and Simon Southarne, rector of Acton Somerfeld, appeared and produced certificates of the destruction of altars and other things.

21 Oct.—John Penne, vicar of Mykelton, charged with simony, confesses that he obtained the vicarage by the resignation of Thomas Rosse and that the obtaining it hath cost him 60*l.* within these two years. He further confesses that on 5 Oct. last he said *Dirige*, 'as it is called,' and ministered the Communion on the morrow after, being the month's mind of one Walter Evatts of the same parish. Whereupon he is suspended by the Bishop, but allowed to execute his office until the feast of All Saints ensuing.

23 Oct.—Nicolas Wykes, rector of Condycot, is enjoined to preach oftener, either himself or by another. Like injunction to William Cobleye, rector of Hawlynge.

Eight days public penance enjoined to William Chesshyre, curate of Little Compton, for incontinence.

Edmund Caterall, John Stackchowse, vicar of Stackehowse (*sic*), John Cooke, vicar of Bledyngton, Bawdwin Johnson, vicar of Guytynge Inferior, and Henry Basyngburne, rector of Wyke Resyngton, are respectively enjoined 'ne de cetero utatur superstitionibus et ceteris corrigendis in billa.' The latter is also ordered to preach more frequently.

Walter Turbot rector of Yanworthe, appeared and certified that every kind of superstition had been reformed in the parish church according to the Bishop's mandate.

31 Oct.—John Latheburys, rector of Toddenham, is enjoined 'ne de cetero utatur superstitionibus et ceteris in billa.' The like injunction to John Wylks, rector of Over Swell, who, however, is deprived 'ob suam ignorantiam.'

The fifth part of the profits of the church of Nether Swell ordered to be sequestrated for the repair of the chancel.

The churchwardens and parishioners of Cold Aston ordered to repair the church (templum), and to enclose the churchyard.

1551-2, 12 Jan.—The parishioners of Compton Abdale are enjoined under penalty to wall in (munire) their churchyard within a fortnight. The names of four persons who refuse to do it are added: Thomas Wynston, gentleman, Robert Yonge, John Rodes and William Warle.

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17 Feb.—Simon Sheward, rector of Woodchester, exhibited by proxy letters of inhibition from the Archbishop of Canterbury, staying proceedings for deprivation of the said Simon, who had been preconized by the Bishop on 14 Nov.

At the entries in the month of March is inserted a long letter, undated, from 'Rafe Male, practitioner of chirurgerie, other weyse Cotmore,' to the Bishop, respecting some suit concerning his marriage, which appears to have taken place in 1548.

Only three entries occur in the register between February and June.

3 Aug.—Two parishioners of Kempeleye, Thomas Fortyo and William Barre, appeared and complained that one Mary Bastan had, at the order of Dr. Baskervill, carried away the church key, so that divine service could not be performed.

5 Aug.—Giles Coxe, rector of Avenyng in the diocese of Worcester, who had been excommunicated for contumacy, appeared and submitted himself and was absolved, but was warned to produce his [licence of] plurality and his faculties for registration.

9 Sept.—Thomas Maye, curate of Standishe, and the churchwardens, are cited for refusing to allow the bodies of two travellers to be buried in the churchyard, alleging fear of the plague, and they had been consequently buried in the King's highway; the Bishop orders the bodies to be taken up and buried in the churchyard before 6 o'clock on the following morning, which was done accordingly. Forty shillings had been offered for leave to bury to George Huntley, esq., who had refused to allow the burial.

Richard Dombell, vicar of South Cerney, was deprived of his vicarage, and suspended from officiating, and ordered to do penance in Gloucester cathedral 'in quadam causa superstitionis.'

[The following proceedings are before John Williams, LL.D. the Bishop's commissary, and afterwards before Nicholas Oldesworth, surrogate.]

1552-3, 17 Feb.—Gabriel Moreton, curate of Northleiche, appeared, and confessed the article of superstition objected to him, and the judge enjoined 'ut non in posterum utatur superstitione hujusmodi sub pena juris, ac etiam ut recantet palam et publice in suis concionibus se male egisse et contra statuta et injunctiones ac leges ecclesiasticas hujus regni Anglie, et hac conditione judex restituit eundem Morton ad munus sive functionem concionandi.'

25 Feb.—'Officium Domini contra Decanum et Capitulum ecclesie cathedralis Glouc. alias citatos ad comparendum istis die et loco allegaturos causam et causas quare etc. propterea quod non certificaverunt nec certificare curaverunt super executionem debitam mandati dicti reverendi patris, imo verius regie majestatis, de comparitione dicti capituli in Convocatione cleri juxta dictum mandatum.' The Dean and

Chapter not appearing, the judge pronounced them contumacious, 'et in penam contumacie sue hujusmodi dictos Decanum et Capitulum suspendebat ab executione cujuscunque officii faciendi per dictum Decanum et Capitulum, et eo nomine et sic suspensos denunciari decrevit, et super hoc in dicta Convocatione intimari.' Diocese
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4 March [incorrectly written in the register as 4 Feb.].—Henry Willisse, prebendary of Gloucester, who had been suspended on 1 March from performing divine offices, because in violation of the Bishop's injunction he had solemnized a marriage, was restored pending the coming of the Bishop to the city of Gloucester.

22 March.—William Dickynson, rector of Estyngton, who had been suspended for brawling in church, was upon his humble petition restored pending the coming of the Bishop or his chancellor.

The Registers of Visitations, both episcopal and archidiaconal, following Wakeman's and Hooper's, are in a very imperfect series, and in more or less tattered condition, from 1563 onwards. The disordered state of things necessarily consequent upon the religious change is abundantly illustrated. *E.g.*, in a visitation, apparently by the Archdeacon in 1563, the curate at Winsterworth is presented for refusing to wear a cope at the administration of the Holy Communion, 'and saith no man shall make him use any such or like superstition. Further, on Sundays he doth wearie the parishe with over large preching, both pystell and gospell, not being graduate or licensed otherwise.' At Dodlingworth the churchwardens present that they lack a cope which they must make accompt of; it is lost through the negligence of the clerk and churchwardens. At Wollaston the vicar, John Ball, has never been resident, nor provided any curate, but the parish hath been glad to hire one to read the Litany, and some buy service on Sundays and holy days; the chancel and the vicarage are in decay; children have died unbaptized, and there has been no priest to bury people who have died. At Tewkesbury an inventory is furnished of 'not defaced reliques': a pax of copper gilt with silver in the fore part, two holy water pots of brass, three crosses of copper, four candlesticks of copper and four of iron, two censers of brass, one pix of copper, one mass-book and one portes, 27 processional and three antiphoners, one great Legend in Latin, one tabernacle, one oil box, one ship of brass for frankincense, one tressel, two clappers to go about with on Good Friday, Latin books whose names are written in an inventory. The curate wears no square cap.

Visitation of Bishop Cheyney is 1572. Particulars are not very full. The record is clearly written.

In 1576 Archbishop Grindal holds a metropolitical Visitation. The register consists of a series of rough notes of presentments

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and orders thereon, made at the time and written indistinctly and confusedly. In many instances sermons are found to be preached only once a year instead of quarterly, or not at all; irregularities abound; in one case a curate is said to permit his child to read prayers when he is absent. Bell-ringing is discountenanced; the churchwardens of St. Nicholas at Gloucester are presented for ringing more peals than one after funerals and for ringing on festival days, and they are ordered to leave extraordinary ringing. Other like cases occur, *e.g.* at Horton there was ringing on All Saints' day. A person is presented in the parish of St. Nicholas, Gloucester, for stubbornly refusing to come to church because the priest wears a surplice. At Stroud the curate, being examined, saith that he thinketh that crossing in baptism is superstitious; whereupon he is dismissed from service there until he have showed his conformity. Sometimes the parish clerk is found unable to read. The surplice is forbidden to be worn in perambulations. The Paraphrases of Erasmus are found to be generally wanting in churches; this is noted also in the visitation of 1572. Clergy are frequently presented for using a chalice; at Hatherley 'the vicar useth a chrysom in baptisme and ministreth with a chalice.' A communion cup was substituted for the old chalice. At 'Archestoke' in the parish of Bishop's Cleeve, they lacked a Bible of the largest volume, the Paraphrase, and the table of the Ten Commandments, but they have a cross, a censer, two bells, two candlesticks, a pix, and certain vestments and copes; on 29 Oct., 1577, the churchwardens promise to deface the cross, copes, vestments, and other things before Christmas, and if any man keep them away to return the names. The whole of this record, which fills a thick volume, is, of course, full of matter of great, and more than local, interest.*

1580.—In the first of a long series of volumes, damp-stained and often imperfect, containing the records of suits and ordinary proceedings in the ecclesiastical courts from the time of Queen Elizabeth (with, occasionally, casual entries of earlier date), there are two leaves at one end and three at the other end, almost illegible through damp and partially mutilated, which contain notes of a second metropolical Visitation of the Cathedral in October, 158[0], while the see was vacant. At this, many members of the chapter were severely punished for contumacy. The details are in the main irrecoverable, but marginal notes have been inserted by two hands of a few years later, which fortunately supply some information. They are as follows: 'The prebends and canons sworne.' 'The Deane called, pronounced contumacy [*sic*] for not appereinge, and referred to the High Commissioners to be punished.'†

* The injunctions issued by Grindal after this visitation, dated 1 Dec., 1576, are printed in English in Strype's *Life of Grindal*, edit. 1821, p. 315.

† The Dean was Laurence Humphrey, who in the same month was promoted to be Dean of Winchester, and may have deemed himself thereby excused from appearing.

'Mr. [Arthur] Sawle suspended.' Mr. Arthur Jame... [?] is cited, and on not appearing is suspended 'quousque se... obedientie debite reverendissimo patri Cantuar. archiepiscopo.' 'Mr. [William] Shingleton suspended.' 'Mr [Thomas] Phillippus suspended.' 'Tho. Coston suspensus.' 'Jo. Abington, Brian Fairefax, suspensi.' 'Thomas Harvy, pincerna, . . . [?] et excusatur.' John Prichard, janitor, suspended for non-appearance. John Taylor, the under-cook, appears to be punished with the loss of one month's stipend, which is to be distributed among the poor. 'The Subdean was inhibited to paye anye stipend to anye of the parties suspended.' Other persons mentioned are Dr. John Herbert, [the Archbishop's Commissary], Robert Lichfield, G. Thornton, Thomas Pery, Thomas Woodcock, Robert Draper. 'David Walter, Thomas Richardson, John Warde, sworne to observe the statutes of the House.' 'The bills of presentment delivered backe to be amended.' Thomas Jones, a minor canon. 'The presentments delivered againe.' 'Mr. Shingleton, Mr. Phillips, released of the surpencion.'

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Upon this Visitation of the Cathedral there follow notes of a visitation of St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Registers of episcopal Visitations of 1581, 1584, 1594, 1597, and 1599, are very meagre, often furnishing little more than the names of persons summoned. The same is the case in 1605-6, except that in this year there was a question between the Bishop and the Dean and Chapter as to the ownership of an old hall and of a water-course. A debate thereon continued for several months, and on 17 Oct. the Bishop declared before Mr. Loe, sub-dean, and Mr. Bridge, Mr. Asgill, Mr. Wrenche and Mr. Cope, prebendaries, that if they and the Dean will acknowledge that the Old Hall wherein the peticanons sometimes dined doth pertain to the bishopric, he will presently take it into his hands and repair it. But if they think it to appertain to themselves, then he required them to re-edify and repair it forthwith *sub pena juris*. Whereupon Mr. Loe affirmed that in the time of his lordship's predecessor, Godfrey [Goldsborough], he was sent by the Dean and some of the Chapter to the said Bishop to pray him to repair the same Old Hall, doubting that if it should fall it would impair the cloisters and part of Mr. Wrench's house. From the year 1597 there had been a dispute with the Dean and Chapter as to their being subject to the Bishop's visitatorial power unless he came by royal mandate, and they were frequently pronounced contumacious for non-appearance. But on 17 Oct., 1606, they appeared and admitted that they were subject, and *animo deliberato* submitted themselves. A statement of the controversy (continued in 1607), in a hand of the latter half of the 17th century, is in a volume containing the Visitation in 1662.

The Visitations in 1612-3, 1616, 1619, 1622, 1625 and 1628 are recorded with very few entries besides the

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names.* To that of 1622 is prefixed a printed copy of Bishop Myles Smith's Articles of Enquiry, printed at London by John Legatt; and a MS. list of nine preachers appointed for the several deaneries, for the mornings and afternoons, signed by the Bishop. A table of fees is noted: To the apparitor that warneth the parishioners, 4*d.*; for the act upon their appearance, 4*d.*; to the gentleman apparitor for the oath, 4*d.*; for the act for exhibiting of every bill, 4*d.*; for registering of every bill of presentment and writing it into a fair book, 4*d.*; for every book of articles, 12*d.*; to the judge for the citation, 4*d.* Notes are made in several places of clergy whose fees were unpaid.

The Visitation in 1635 is similarly recorded, but thirteen injunctions given by the judge are entered under each deanery: the wearing canonical dress, none to preach unless they are licensed, prayers on Wednesdays and Fridays; sermons not to be above an hour, not to be contentious or against particular persons; ministers to choose one churchwarden, and to use the cross in baptism and the ring in marriage; perambulations to be observed, and terriers to be yearly made and sent to the Bishop's registry in parchment; the Communion table to be set north and south, and railed before it or round about it, to keep it from annoyance; all muck-hills and sinks to be removed out of churchyards and saw-pits; catechisings instead of sermons in the afternoon on Sundays; ministers thrice a year to exhort in sermons to obedience. From this year there appears to be no record of visitation during the remainder of the reign of King Charles I.

Of post-Restoration papers there is a small but very interesting parcel, relating to the Cathedral, which contains the following documents:

i. In 1661 a court is held in the Chapter House on 16 Oct., at which all the members of the cathedral body appeared except the sub-dean Washbourne and Dr. Thomas Warmestry; the singing-men and boys, janitors, sextons, and almsmen are all duly entered; and then adjournment is made to the 22nd.

ii. A copy of seventeen Articles of Enquiry exhibited by Bishop William Nicholson at his first visitation in February, 166 $\frac{2}{3}$, with many alterations and additions when re-issued in 1665. They enquire minutely respecting the duties and the observance of them on the part of all the members of the cathedral body, the care of the church, the provision of sufficient Bibles, and of Prayer Books 'of the last edition with the alterations made and lately confirmed by Act of Parliament,' and of sufficient singing-books for the quire, etc. The answers, made by John Gregory, 'archididascalus,' and Francis Hanslake, precentor, follow, dated 4 Feb. To the first

* In 1613, however, the controversy respecting the Bishop's jurisdiction was revived; various prebendaries and officers appeared, but Dean Field absented himself.

article, of the Statutes, they say they have seen some and heard of others, but do not know whether they are observed. To the second article they reply that there are seven singing-men, eight choristers, one petty canon, four almsmen, but no organist at present; 'what other officers there are, or ought to be, wee know not.' As to the Dean's residence they can say nothing, but the prebendaries have duly kept it. To the articles respecting the services, they give satisfactory answers. The singing-men have 10*l.* a year, and are duly paid quarterly. They have enquired respecting the Archdeacon's stall, but can receive no certain information. There is no organist, but one of the singing-men teaches the choristers, for which he receives pay. To the fifteenth question whether the singing-men's and other officers' wives carry themselves soberly and live in virtue and peace together, they answer that 'for ought wee know they do.' The Schoolmaster's and Chaunter's house, as also the School, want some reparations.

Of the same date there is the reply of Robert Muddin and Richard Elliot, two of the lay clerks. To Art. I. they say they know there are statutes, because on their admission they took oath to observe them so far as concerned themselves, but whether they have been altered or observed they are utterly ignorant in regard they could never obtain the sight of them 'till this present we have them read in part.' There is the full number of lay clerks and of choristers, but whereas there ought to be six petty canons there is only one; there are also wanting an organist (one who was there having lately gone away), a deacon, a sub-deacon, and a sacristan, a butler, a cook and an under-cook, all which there ought to be by the statutes. The number of alms-men is full, though some are unfit, not being above 30 years of age as they suppose, and two of them have other places in the church. As to the services all things are performed as contained in the articles without any considerable alteration, only they consider that the time of prayers is not according to custom, for the bell ought to be at a quarter before six, a quarter before ten, and a quarter before four. There are two Bibles and sufficient Prayer books, but only eleven singing books for the whole quire, there want many more. The Church is in good repair, and workmen are continually employed. To articles concerning residence, etc., they say all is well, and add that it properly belongs to the office of the Chaunter to observe the residence of the Dean and Prebendaries. As to their stipends they say there is but 10*l.* a year allowed to each of the lay clerks, 'which whether it be a competent livelyhood for them to encourage them to a punctuall performance of their respective duties or not, we humbly leave unto your Lordship's most grave and pious consideration, especially considering that they have, some of them in part and some of them altogether, laid aside all other imployments, thereby the better to intend the service of Almighty God in the said Church.' They find

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by enquiry that the Archdeacon's stall is the first on the left hand on coming into the quire. The teaching of the choristers has for two years, since the King's Restoration, been committed to Richard Elliot; 'for his paynes and care we leave it to your Lordship's consideration.' To the article about the wives, 'we say little, because the woomen that have been wronged, which your Lordship might here something of, desier to be spared, and they had rather take wrong, and they desired us to forbear rather then to trouble your Lordship, by reason the mallice comes from soe malitious a wooman as the sexton's wife is.' As to the Schoolmaster and Usher they are not able to say how far they perform their duty. According to ancient custom there ought to be six o'clock prayers in the Lady's Chapel in the summer; and two sackbuts and two cornets for the singing-service and anthems; there was an eagle in the middle of the quire, for reading the lessons. They complain that James Evans sells beer and cider and keeps hogs and hounds there, which things never used to be done, and he has a back door; and they add particulars about other doors, presumably in the Close, and of nuisances.

There is also a petition to the Bishop, signed by seven lay clerks, Richard Bradgat, Robert Muddin, Richard Elliott, William Jennings, John Tyler, John Painter, and John Paine, respecting the insufficiency of their salaries.

iii. In Dec., 1665, there is a very full answer by Dr. Thomas Washbourne, sub-dean, and Thomas Vynner, prebendary, to the articles as then issued. There were then two petty canons; the stipend of the two vacant places was applied to the increment of the salaries of other ministers and to repairs. 'We have an organist [*scil.* Thomas Low] competently skilful to performe his duty required by statute, and we hope our future experience of him may inable us to give our commendation of his diligence in teaching the choristers. The office of sacrist is not in all partes of it useful to our church, but those partes of it that remayne in use, being the inferiour ministeries of that office, are performed by the sexton.' Of the qualifications of the almsmen they cannot speak as they are appointed by the King; they may, if they will, be vested according to statute, having allowance from the Treasurer for the charge. The Quire prayers are performed as the statute requires, *secundum morem et ritum aliarum ecclesiarum*; 'if the singing men come into the Quire without theyr surplices at any time, we suppose its because those vestments are washing, or for some other tollerable or allowable cause. Waxe candles for divine service have beene sometimes wanting, because the stocke layd in was spent, and no supplie to be had in these partes, and not from London by reason of that calamitie which of late hath hindered commerce with that place.' The sacrament of the Lord's Supper is duly administered one Sunday monthly, 'but the receivers being soe scandalously few then, we do not provide for it every Sunday as the rubrick

doth require'; the celebration is according to the canon, 'excepting the want of a cope for him that officiates, which shall be procured when your Lordship pleaseth to give us order for it.' To an article respecting the bells, and whether the ringers had raised the ancient rate for ringing at funerals and other occasions, they answer that if the ringers raise the ancient rate their paymasters are not obliged to gratify them in their unjust and 'for us' unwarrantable demands; 'we leave them to take theyr labour for theyr paines, yet if they refuse to ring when they ought, we shall lay them asyde because they lay aside theyr dutie.' They have raised the statute-salaries of the singing men and other officers, and give them moreover yearly gratuities, so that they do not expect complaint. Particulars are given of encroachments made in the times of the late Rebellion. There are two lists of persons summoned in the Chapter House on 13 Dec., 1665, and 1 Feb., 1665.

iv. List of those summoned to attend a visitation of the hospitals, held at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, 14 Jan., 1665. Ordered on 30 March that Mr. Fox, the minister, shall do his duty in reading prayers according to the statute; and as long as he continues minister shall hold the house wherein he now dwells, but afterwards that part which formerly belonged to the physician shall be allotted to the physician then present.

Under date of 11 Dec., 1669, there is a full statement by Dean William Brough of 'Considerations to remove all misunderstanding,' with 'due respect and reverence to the power of the Lord Bishop of Gloucester at some times to visit us,' as to the limits of that power. In the statutes there are some things which must not be done, some things which need not be done, and some which cannot be done. It is desired that no new thing be imposed. That if any of the Quire or inferior officers or servants make any addresses to the Bishop, as some have done, they may be remanded to the Dean and Chapter, that their disobediences may not be encouraged. That no 'intrenchment' may be made upon the power of the Dean. That the Bishop's orders may not be registered in the Chapter book, there being no example of any such registering, save that of Archbishop Laud's metropolitanical visitation; the rather, because divers particulars are of inferior consideration below the Visitor's wisdom to commit them to record. That, whereas the King alone can alter the statutes or make any new, it be well weighed whether in the articles there may not be found some alterations. That the Sub-dean may sit in the seat over against the Dean's, which is the second in dignity, wherein he hath used to be seated, though the Archdeacon *pro hac vice* only be installed in it.

v. In 1673 there are four presentments made. At a Visitation held 29 July Dr. Washbourne and Abraham Gregory, canon,

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give short answers to some articles, in which the only noticeable particulars are that there are four petty-canons 'which are as many as have been in the memory of man,' who receive the full salary of six and 20*l.* over, and that it is intended to enquire further respecting the ringers' exacting more than the ancient dues and to regulate them. John Deighton, a minor canon, answers to many articles that all is well or that he is ignorant, but he mentions that the choristers are paid 5*l.* yearly; he *thinks* (!) that the time of service is 10 o'clock in the morning and 4 in the afternoon, unless that in the winter the time has not been so strictly observed; wax candles have been provided, but not enough for the whole quire. With regard to encroachments, he answers that within his memory there was a public way and passage under the east end of the chapel called the Lady's Chapel, which of late years has been stopped up. [It is perhaps worth noting that here and in other places this chapel is called "the *Ladies* chapel," as though the meaning of the name were lost!] He presents at the end a grievance in that a fine of 3*d.* has lately been imposed for absence from prayers, which is three times as much as the statute provides, and that the minor canons have been strictly confined to attendance on Sundays and holy days, to the neglect oftentimes of their cures, when on those days the Dean and prebendaries ought to celebrate divine service. Edward Fidkin, another minor canon, makes a short presentment, with nothing specially to be noted, except that there are not books for strangers that come to hear divine service. And two of the lay clerks, Robert Elliott and John Tyler, make presentment much to the same effect as that of Elliott and Muddin in 1663. Of the statutes they could never obtain the sight; formerly, in addition to their stipend of 10*l.*, they had a gratuity of fifty shillings a year, but of late years they have had nothing; and they add that whereas the statutes impose a fine of a halfpenny for 'a tardy,' which is after the first psalm, and a penny for a whole absence, a mulct of three pence or more for being absent has been imposed.

vi. In 1676 Bishop John Prickett issues 24 articles of enquiry. One is respecting the wearing of surplices, and, in the case of the clergy, of the hoods of their respective degrees. Are the two rooms ordered by the statutes kept, the outer one for writings and accounts, and the inner one for the money-chest? Are 40*l.* disbursed yearly, half for the poor and half for the highways? Do the four poor men assist at the time of divine service, wait upon the priests when they celebrate the Sacrament, keep the nave and quire of the church clean and free from all filth and 'sluttery,' help the sextons in lighting the candles and tolling the bells so far as they are able, and take care that there be no disorder or noise in the time of service? At the end is an oath to be taken to make due presentment.

To these articles there are three sets of replies :—

1. By Edward Jackson and John Deighton, minor canons. Copes are not used at the administration of the Sacrament, nor any Gospeller or Epistler, ' which wee suppose to be meant by Deacon and Sub-deacon in our Statutes ' (*No enquiry was made on these points.*) The Dean and prebends (*prebendaries*) reside for 21 days in the year ; the Dean is generally resident half the year, Dr. Washbourne and Mr. Gregory are continually resident, but the rest are for the most part non-resident. Each Minor Canon has 20*l.* *per an.*, each Lay-clerk 10*l.*, each Chorister 5*l.*, and the Precentor and Sacrist each 26*s.* 8*d.* They repeat the complaint made in 1673 respecting the performance of duty on Sundays ; that, notwithstanding the injunctions of the Archbishop and of the Bishop's immediate predecessor, and that by the custom of this church heretofore and of all other cathedrals in England the lay clerks always read the first Lesson and the Litany, the whole service lies upon the four minor canons only, ' which is indeed very heavy and almost insupportable ; besides, there is an extraordinary service imposed upon us, over and above what the statutes require, viz., the reading of the morning prayer at 6 of the clock in the morning, for which there was heretofore an allowance to those that read it, but is not now paid.'

2. By Dr. Thomas Washbourne and Abraham Gregory. Edward Fidkins and George Evans, petty canons, and Richard Elliott, singing man, do very much neglect their duty by frequent absence without leave, and Fidkin and John Pain, singing men, are not qualified for their places for want of skill in music, although in former visitations admonished to get so ; and William Wrench, the porter, does not at all attend the Chapter with his verge as he ought to do. The Dean and some of the ' Prebends ' fully observe their residence ; Mr. Anthony Andrews has been hindered by sickness, Mr. Edward Fowler and Mr. Nathaniel Hodges have kept no house nor lodged within the precincts. Mr. Edward Fidkin, minor canon, is not so regular in his conversation as becomes him ; he neglects his study to follow the ale-house, from which he comes home most nights at scandalous hours ; they present him also for marrying without banns or license. The two rooms enquired about are duly kept. The 40*l.* are duly disposed, the greater part to the poor, on account of the existing laws for repairing highways.

3. By John Wells and John Painter, lay clerks. To most articles they say, ' All is well so far as we know,' but complain that they have not competent salaries nor houses ; the four beadsmen do not assist the priests at the delivery of the Sacrament, nor are they resident in their places. They humbly entreat the Bishop to take into serious consideration the boys' playing in the churchyard on Sundays at all sorts of games, especially in time of divine service.

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vii. In 1679 the same Bishop issues 24 articles, with some small variations from the previous enquiries. To these Washbourne and Gregory reply :—All habits and formalities required by the Church are worn. The offerings gathered at the Sacrament 'are immediately disposed of amongst the poor that are then present and waiting for them.' Edward Fidkin, and William Whittington, M.A., minor canons, also reply, generally 'omnia bene' or 'ignoramus,' but they repeat the complaint respecting the burden of the services made at the previous visitation.

viii. In 1707 Bishop Edward Fowler signs 26 articles, mostly repetitions of those of former years, except that it is asked whether preachers in their prayer before sermons pray for the Queen and Princess Sophia by name. An extract from the statute 'de Visitatione Ecclesiæ' accompanies these, with a protest and reservation of rights by the Dean and Chapter, since 'for many years past there has been no visitation': exhibited 28 April, 1707. Luke Beaulieu, B.D., Treasurer, and John Newton, A.M., Prebendary, give long answers, without prejudice and with much reservation, dwelling on the impossibility of now observing the original statutes, while declaring that they have no cause to fear the Bishop's power in visitation. Should any preacher omit to pray for the Queen and the Princess Sophia, he would not only be censured, but publicly accused. The Precentor and Sacrist, Thomas Thacke and Henry Jennings, together with Mr. Millechamp, return generally that all is well, or that they do not know; they have their usual salaries, 'but wish they were greater'; they know of no notorious evil liver, 'but wish all would live better'; they repeat the complaint of boys playing on the Lord's Day in the churchyard and cloisters.

John Lugg and Edward Tyler, lay clerks, also answer; they conceive all is well.

There are three volumes of presentations and institutions to benefices. I. Contains some mixed entries of earlier dates than the foundation of the diocese, and extends from 1521 to about 1566. At folio 9 is the record of the induction, installation and inthronization of Bishop Hooper, by proxy, in the person of John Huntley, prebendary, on 27 March, 1559¹. At the end is a list of persons ordained who had signed the Articles of 1562, with their autograph signatures, and of others, also with autograph signatures, who having been 'made by other forme than was appointed in the tyme of Kyng Edwarde the Sixte or in this tyme' of Queen Elizabeth, had subscribed the Articles. II. From 1570 to 1620, with entries, at the end, of 1627 and 1630. At the beginning are lists of persons ordained in 1570, and memoranda of, as it seems, the Bible examination of candidates: 'In the Olde Testament.

Learne perfectly the xxviii.th chapter of Deuteronomium and the histories conteyned in the firste booke of Samuel. In the New Testament. And the Epistle of St. Paule to Titus in Latin, without booke. Sometymes also, the 26 chapt. of Leviticus and the seconde b... (*torn off*) and the first Epistle of Paule (*torn off*). At the end are some mutilated leaves with lists of persons ordained in 1606 and 1614-1618. III. A chronological abstract of all the like documents 'now extant in the Register's office,' from 1541 'to the time of Bishop Benson's consecration, Jan. 19, 1734.'

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Court-book of the manors of Hopesmeleyshull, Preston, Brompton and Hay, Dewchurch and Kilpeck, Ullingswick, Dulas and Ewyas Harold, 14 Hen. VII.-11 Hen. VIII. 1499-1519. Mutilated at both ends.

A paper book of twenty leaves contains proceedings in the Consistorial Court before the Chancellor, John Williams, in 1541-1542, registered by John Tayler.

Inhibition by Francis Baker, Chancellor of the diocese, to churchwardens, forbidding their obeying a mandate of the Archdeacon to bring in second bills of presentment, which is an unheard-of innovation, and invasion of his office; dated 14 Sept. 1632.

Decree by Bishop Godfrey Goodman in a case of dispute with Sir Thomas Sackville, knight, respecting the Church-house at Bibury; dated 5 Oct., 1635.

Copy of the decree of Bishop William Nicholson annexing the church of All Saints in Gloucester, which had been in great part destroyed in the time of the late war and rebellion, to that of St. Mary de Crypt.

Letter from Bishop Robert Frampton to the Chancellor of the diocese, directing him to enquire when churchwardens give in their presentments how far the injunctions given at the last Visitation are observed, particularly whether prayers are read on Wednesdays, Fridays, holidays and their eves, whether children are catechized on Sundays in the afternoon, whether the churches are in good repair, whether the parishioners come duly to church, kneel during prayers, and sit uncovered during the sermon; dated 10 Oct., 1684.

The work of arrangement of the mass of court-records, presentments, depositions, institutions, &c., is still being carried on, as a labour of unwearied love, by the gentleman mentioned at the beginning of this Report. And when this is completed, and the whole of the papers, it may even be, calendared, the records of the diocese of Gloucester will be in a state unusually available for enquirers concerning local or family history, or illustration of ecclesiastical matters.

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RECORDS

OF THE

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SUFFOLK.

The early records of this ancient town have unfortunately been lost. As in various other cases it is supposed that they either perished in a disastrous fire which occurred in 1586, or, as appears more probable, in the course of long disputes respecting the ownership of the Fen. The only remaining documents are concerning the Fen, from which the town was called *Beccles Fen*, which had been part of the possessions of the Abbey of St. Edmund's Bury, and which on the Dissolution was happily purchased by the inhabitants by means of the funds of a gild, which otherwise would, as well as the Fen, ere long have been confiscated. There followed in the reign of Queen Elizabeth a law-suit respecting the land which resulted in the maintenance of the town's right to it, and in the grant of a new charter in 1584 (superseding one granted by Hen. VIII, 10 March, *anno* 31, 1540) which incorporated the inhabitants by the name of the Provost of the Fen of Beccles, three Supervisors or Surveyors, and the Commonalty of the same. Of this charter a confirmation was granted by James I, 19 May, 1605, the original of which, with the Great Seal (broken), is preserved in its own wooden box. The history of the Fen is told, with a translation of the Charter, in a small book entitled *An Account of the Corporation of Beccles Fen, drawn up in 1807 for the use of the Corporation*, which was reprinted, with notes and additions, in 1826.* This volume also contains a translation of the letters patent of Charles II, dated 14 Oct. 1674, granting to the Corporation the ruinous buildings and the lands of the ancient Hospital (granted in 1605 to Thomas Kerrich, *ut infra*); and of this grant the original is preserved, but without the seal. In order to acquire this grant it was resolved at a meeting of the Corporation on 10 Nov., 1673, that the help of the Bishop of Norwich should be invoked, and on 21 Jan.

* In a copy of the reprint contained in Rix's Collections the account is noted as having been drawn up by Rev. William Tyney Spurdens, who died 19 Dec., 1852, and the notes as being added by Mr. Chester Cheston.

in the next year thanks were returned to Sir John Pettus, *Beccles, Suffolk.* knt., for his great care and pains about the procuring it. For expenses, 40*l.* were paid to Thomas Plumsted, gent., on 27 July, and 16*l.* on 2 Feb. following. For the whole history of the town and neighbourhood, very large manuscript collections were made by Mr. S. W. Rix, at one time Mayor, gathered from all available sources; and these on his death in 1894, were purchased by Dr. W. Aldis Wright, of Magdalene College, Cambridge, and presented to the Corporation. They form 36 volumes in quarto.

The earliest document now in the custody of the Town Clerk, Mr. T. Angell, is a release from John Rede of Weston, Suffolk, esq., and Thomas Rede, his son and heir, to the inhabitants of Beccles, of all their right in the marsh and pasture commonly called *Becclis Fenne* or *Becclis Comon*, estimated to contain 1,400 acres; dated 4 March, 1584-85, *anno Eliz.* 27.*

[1608,] 5 Feb., 5 Jas. I.—Grant from the King to Thomas Kerrieh of the office “of the Guider and Guydershipe of the hospitall in Beccles *alias* Beckleefe” [*sic* for Beckleese], with all houses, edifices, gardens, orchard, and all other appurtenances. The Great Seal, in white wax, but much broken, is attached.

The first book of records is a parchment volume of 18 leaves in a parchment cover, marked A, containing the ‘Constitucons for Beclys Fenne’ (noted in a later hand as being of the year 1552), made by Sir Richard Riche, Chancellor of the Court of Augmentations, and William Rede, merchant, and Thomas his son.† Most of these regulations are repeated, in more or less varied form, in the following book of 1613, but the last chapter but one prohibits shooting in more stringent terms, that no manner of person, being a dweller within the town or out of the town, shoot with a ‘handgonne’ within any part of the Fen. And the book ends with a chapter recording the assent of 55 inhabitants, by name, together with the four Fen Reeves, to these ordinances.

A second book, containing 11 paper leaves, in a parchment cover, marked B, contains orders made in 1585, with supplemental orders in 1587 and 1598.

A third book, bound in rough calf, marked C, contains, on 13 parchment leaves, a collection of the laws of the Corporation in 1613, with the names of the forty members; followed on three leaves, by an ordinance made in 1719, with a like list of names, and further orders made in 1740, signed with

* An earlier deed, being a receipt by Henry Furmage, on behalf of the Abbey of Bury of the Fen rent of ten marks in 1511, which is printed in Suckling's *History of Suffolk*, is not now to be found.

† See the *Account of the Corporation*, 1826, p. 8.

Beccles, Suffolk. 35 autograph signatures, of which two are by marks. The orders of 1613 are printed in the *Account* to which reference is made above, pp. 41-62.

Of the yearly accounts of the Fen Reeves there is a thick paper volume in fairly good condition beginning at 1543 and ending at 1572.

A paper book, of eleven leaves, contains abstracts of the leases granted by the town from 1608 to 1628.

A series of Tax (called '*Taske*') Books, made in the years 1576, 1593, 1671, 1679, and 1682, is succeeded by a bound volume, now called a '*Tax Book*,' in 1792.

Among loose papers relating to the law-suits respecting the Fen are the following:—

i. Part of a statement of claim by the inhabitants against Mr. Rede, in which two of the articles are—

'Item, ther is an almes house called the Armytage whereof the towne have bene possessed tyme oute of mynde for the relevynge of the poore, and we have five deedes of it as writing maketh mencyone which came to thandes of Mr. Billyngford, and, as we vnderstande, Mr. Rede hath gottene them, and he hath of late entred the seid house with force, and so kepeth it. Sir Thomas Gresshame claymed it heretofore, and when he harde the matter he ceassed his clayme. We require that Mr. Rede maye yelde us the quiet possessione therof agayne.

'Item, Mr. Rede hath a Redd booke belonging to our towne, which is as a regester of our towne causes and our olde letters patentes and booke of Constitucōns, and as we vnderstande sertyne other evidence of oures. We require that he maye delyver vs all suche evidence as he hath of oures.'

ii. A memorandum that on 8 Nov., 7 Eliz. [1563], 'there was brought into this Courte a cheste of weinscott with two lockes and twoo keyes, wherein is conteyned the Lettres patentes for Beccles Fenne graunted to William Reed deceased and the orders made by the Right honorable the Lord Riche, lord Chaunselour of England, towching the vse of the said Fennes, and the Common Seale of the said towne, by William Reed, sonne of the said William Reed deceased, here to remayne indefesently for the said towne and the said William Reed.'

iii. Letter from Sir Nicholas Bacon to his 'lovyngre frendes the Fen Reves and Inhabitanes' of Beccles, for the variation of a form of lease of three acres of meadow, which he had ordered to be made to William Rede for 99 years at an annual rent of 5s., the wording of the lease as being from the Surveyor being found incorrect since Reed himself is the Surveyor. 'From my house beside Charinge Crosse the xviith of Maye, 1575. Your lovinge frend N. Bacon, C.S.' [*Custos Sigilli*.]

iv. Letter from B. Calthorp 'to the Worshipp[ful]l *Beccles, Suffolk.*
Mr. Thomas Colbye, esquier, and others, Inhabitants of the
towne of Beccles,' desiring the alteration of the day fixed
for his meeting at Beccles with Mr. Ryvett, being chosen
as joint arbitrators to hear and end certain controversies
between the town and Mr. Reede. 'From Ormesby the
10th of June 1578.'

vi. Complaint of the behaviour of one Jobe, a pursuivant
employed on behalf of Mr. Rede. He 'used hym self verie
lewddie, and gave out lewde speches of the Inhabitants that
stand vpon the newe Corporacōn, terminge them knaves,
raskalls, and beggerlie rascalls, and threttened poore old
menne that he wold pull them out at ther dores, and yet
had nothing to do with them, and called some of them old
cankered knaves . . . He went up and downe the
towne, swearing and cursing and threatninge . . .

'Item, he drew his sword upon Edward Browne and
ranne after him in the strete, and did sweare that he
wold thrust his sword thorough hym and Mr. Downing
whersoever he did mete them though he laye in prison all
daies of his lief. . . .

'Item, he was with his companions at the ale howse, and
termed menne there damnable knaves, runawaie knaves,
and holie knaves, despisinge there profession of religion.

'Baspolle reported that he had rather go to a bearbaytinge
thanne to a sermon.'

vii. Complaint of riotous proceedings on the part of
Mr. Rede's supporters. 'The contempt of Harsant and
others against the Charter before the order of Mr. Clinch.
. . . Verie manie persons weaponed, which issued from
Mr. John Read's house, verie strange to here of, which put
the people in feare of forren enemies . . . The contempts
sithens thordre [of Justice Clinch and others] . . .
Procuringe manie menne and women to exclaime. Takeinge
upon them auctorites vnlawfullie, and used cheines and
lockes against lawfull auctoritie in deprivaōn and scorninge
of the same. . . . Contempts sithens their sendinge for.
Slander of my lord treasurer and my L. of Leicester odiouslie
to encorage rude people, wherupon 40 rude persons came up
to the Courte. Libellinge against the minister and instruments
of the Corporacōn.'

viii. On the back of a leaf containing the draft of a statement
of the case of the town against William Rede is a question
for Counsel on a matter arising out of the deprivation of
Thurstan Morrey, or Murrey, a prebendary of Peterborough,
for incontinency, by Dr. Day and Richard Bancroft, B.D.
of Cambridge, (afterwards Archbishop of Canterbury),
commissaries of the Archbishop for the visitation of the
Church and Diocese of Peterborough. Morrey appealed
to the Court of Audience, which ordered the bringing
in of the proceedings; but Bancroft refused to comply

*Beccles, on the ground of want of legal jurisdiction, and was Suffolk. excommunicated.**

A small parcel of eleven returns of juries in the Manor Court of the Fen, extending in date from 1592 to 1703.

Of the Minute Books of the Corporation seven volumes extend from 1670 to 1841 (of which the first ends in 1790) and a large volume of accounts extends from 1741 to 1812. The loss of the earlier records, including the Red Book mentioned *supra* (which may, after all, be lying unknown in some private collection) is greatly to be regretted. Hence, for all the periods of special historical interest there is nothing to be found.

24 Feb., 1670-1, it was ordered that an allowance of 10*l.* *per annum* which had been granted 6 July, 1666, to Rev. Thomas Armstrong while he should hold his curateship under Mr. Shardelow, rector of Beccles, should be continued for four years now that Mr. Shardelow is dead; but at the next meeting on 27 March it was voted that such payment was a misemployment of the town money; and therefore all the former orders thereupon were made void, and were never to be used as a precedent for the future.

On 6 April in the same year it is resolved that whereas Mr. Thomas Armstrong preached a sermon at the swearing in of the present Portreeve, a sermon shall be continued yearly at the feast-day of the succeeding Portreeves, and ten shillings shall be allowed to the minister who preaches.

1672-3, 10 Feb.—Ordered that, whereas 10*l.* had been granted on 8 March, 1670, for procuring of farthings for the common utility of the poor, and that the Corporation should be responsible for them if they were put down by authority, forasmuch as the said farthings are by authority of his Majesty put down, the officers of the Corporation shall within one week from this assembly receive all such said farthings as shall be brought in to them, and not otherwise. [See the *Account of the Corporation*, 1826, p. 16.]

1676-7, 12 Feb.—Ordered that the Capital House standing on the Hospital lands be pulled down, and rebuilt on the other side of the way over against it, to make as many rooms as may conveniently be placed there for the habitations of such poor people as the Governors shall think fit.

Extract from the will of Robert Girling of his benefaction of 3*l.* yearly for apprenticing some poor child. [Printed in the *Account of the Corporation*, 1826, p. 75.]

24 Oct.—27*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* paid for building four rooms at the Hospital.

1678, 1 April.—Thanks for 22*l.* 11*s.* 5*d.* collected at Yarmouth towards relief of the poor sufferers by the late fire.

* The deprivation of Murrey must have been annulled, for he was still a prebendary of Peterborough at his death at the beginning of June, 1586, and was buried in the Cathedral.

1679, 10 April.—Thanks voted to Mr. Armstrong for his sermon preached this day, and he is desired to put the same in print; and 3s. 4d. to be yearly added to the ten shillings formerly ordered so long as he preaches on the Audit day. A meadow leased to him for 21 years, 29 March, 1680, and renewed 28 March, 1692. *Beccles, Suffolk.*

16 June.—A sum not exceeding 70*l.* voted towards the erection of a House of Correction and a Workhouse, provided the Workhouse be always only for the use of, and be ordered by, the Corporation. 21 July, 17 Dec., a kitchen and other necessary rooms to be added to it; at a cost of 20*l.* 9 Jan., orders respecting the House and the House of Correction.

1683, 8 June.—A wash-house, oven, and copper to be set up at the Workhouse, and good wool to be bought to employ poor children at spinning.

1684, 31 March.—Ordered that all officers members of the Corporation shall forthwith and ever hereafter provide themselves gowns such as have usually been worn by such officers, and shall appear in the same upon every Audit-day, under penalty of 40s.

10 April.—Orders respecting the Workhouse; and the employment and apprenticing of the children; for two hours in every day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, the children are to be instructed in reading and in learning the Catechism of the Church of England, and are to be brought to the Parish Church morning and afternoon, and orderly behave themselves there during all Divine Service and Sermon.

1685, 30 March.—Clarke the chirurgeon to have 40s. paid in part for curing John Dickenson's 'pleurice,' and 20s. more be paid to Gostling.

1685-6, 9 March.—Ordered that on every 6th of February, being the day his now Majesty came to the Crown, 5s. be paid to the ringers.

29 March.—Whereas Mr. Armstrong, the minister of the parish, has promised to suffer the Corporation to have the profits of the churchyard yearly at 20s. rent, to the end the same may be kept more handsomely, and not fed with beasts as formerly, it is agreed to have the same.

1688, 5 April.—In case Mr. Armstrong shall provide a person well qualified for a Reader of Prayers and to teach a Grammar School, the Corporation will pay 10*l.* *per an.* for maintenance of such person reading and teaching. Continued on 29 March, 1703, for the year ensuing, and 18 July, 1706. But on 16 March, 1707-8, it was ordered that 5*l.* be paid to Mr. Armstrong and the other 5*l.* to Mr. Leeds if he continue to keep school. And on 28 March, 1709, that 10*l.* *per an.* be paid to Mr. Armstrong for two years if he live so long and then cease, and that the payment of 5*l.* to Mr. Leeds shall from thenceforth cease. [The meadow *lately* occupied by Armstrong was leased to another, 29 March, 1714.]

Beccles, Suffolk. 1690-1, 16 Jan.—10*l.* given by the Bishop of Norwich to the Workhouse and 5*l.* by John Hodskine, esq.

1697, 20 July.—Mr. Clark the chirurgion to have 3*l.* if he cure Ruth Baker of the disease under which she labours, but only 30*s.* if she die under his hands.

1701, 18 July.—Order for the rebuilding of the Almshouse consumed by fire, at a cost of 120*l.*

1713, 7 July.—Ordered that the Portreeve give the poor this day one barrel and a half of strong beer [Thanksgiving-day for the conclusion of peace with France].

1719, 20 Nov.—Order that the Constitution enjoining that if the Audit-day fall in Passion week the feasting-part be put off to the Tuesday in Easter-week, be always observed. [The order is printed in full in the *Account of the Corporation*, 1826, p. 63.]

1724-5, 17 Feb.—Ordered that the suit commenced between Thomas Page, clerk, minister of the parish, and the churchwardens, shall be defended at the expense of the Corporation. In the next year two suits are being carried on at the cost of the Corporation against the rector, Page, one in the Spiritual Court for not repairing the chancel, and another by various parishioners in Chancery. And on 17 June, 1729, order was made for discharge of the costs of the suit concerning the repairs by a bond for payment.

1735, 31 March.—Five guineas to be paid to Mr. Grinling 'towards his extraordinary charge and pains in making an organ for Beccles Church.' [He was the organist; see under 1748.] On 12 Nov., 1736, it is ordered that whereas the organ had been erected by subscription which fell short of the expense, the persons who are liable for the payment shall be reimbursed from the rents of the Common called Beccles Fen. A further order is made on 31 March, 1740, and on 6 Feb. following a bond for 80*l.* for one year to be given to the Portreeve.

1743, 7 April.—The charge of advertising the small-pox to be paid.

1746, 7 May.—The Guild Hall being in a ruinous condition and deemed not worth repairing, it is ordered that some able and experienced person be employed to make a plan and valuation of a building necessary for that 'vocation.' [If the present building represents at all the design then prepared, it does no credit in its meanness to the 'able and experienced' person then employed. It was, however, used as the gaol.]

1748, 19 Sept.—Mr. William Crowfoot elected organist in the room of Robert Greenling, deceased, at a yearly salary of 20*l.* A sum of 100*l.* to be borrowed in order that he may lay it out about the bellows, pipes, stops, and making an addition; and he agrees that for seven years ensuing 16*l.* 15*s.* shall be yearly deducted from his salary for repayment.

The old seal of the Corporation represents what is supposed to be the Town-house, with a pen or pound in front, enclosing

cattle. The inscription is 'Sigilum [*sic*] cōe Nove Incorporacōis *Beccles, Suffolk.* d' Beccles Feñe 1584.' The seal adopted on the re-constitution of the Corporation under the provisions of the Municipal Reform Act, in 1836, exhibits a representation of the south porch of the grand parish church, with the inscription 'Sigillum Concilii Municip. Becclesiae. 1836.' This seems to indicate that the supposed origin of the name as standing for 'Beata Ecclesia' was then recognised as correct by the authorities. The other probable origin of the puzzling name which has been conjectured is that it represents 'de Bello Clivo,' the *Fair Cliff* overhanging the river Waveney. There are two small but elegant, sergeants' maces, silver-gilt, ten inches long, having at the top the royal arms with E.R. and the date 1584, and round their rims the excellent motto, 'For mayntenance of truthe and righteousness, and not to execvte wronge or, malice. Beccles Fenne.' A mayor's chain of gold was given in 1882. The insignia are described in Messrs. Jewitt's and Hope's *Corporation Plate*, 1895, vol. II, p. 336.

In the private possession of Mr. Angell, the Town Clerk, are many documents of much local interest, chiefly of the 17th and 18th centuries, which he rescued from destruction under circumstances which only too clearly show how carelessly and ignorantly such things have frequently been dealt with, and how easily the disappearance of records may therefore be accounted for. Passing along a street in the town about ten years ago he met a boy wheeling a barrow with well-filled sacks, from one of which he saw a piece of vellum protruding with a seal attached. Stopping the boy he asked whither he was going with his sacks, and was answered: To the gas-works to empty them for burning as rubbish. Mr. Angell then inquired who sent him, and found it was a resident inhabitant who was clearing out waste paper from cupboards in an office he had taken, which had formerly been occupied by a land agent and surveyor. To him therefore Mr. Angell went, and begged that he might have this refuse, which was willingly given; and he thus rescued from immediate destruction a mass of papers and deeds of great local interest the greater part being of the periods above specified. But amongst rent-rolls, wills, terriers, leases, &c., there are the following special items:—

i. Letters patent of Henry IV, dated 12 July *an.* 24 [1446],* granting to Robert Prior of Bridelyngtone and the Convent, full and ample privileges, beginning with the return of all writs within their domains, the goods of felons, treasure-trove, deodands, and 'lagan et flothysshe' between the

* The meagre account of Bridlington Priory in the last edition of Dugdale's *Monasticon* has only the bare reference to Cart. 24 Hen. VI, No. 6' from Bishop Tanner's references.

Beccles, Suffolk. ditches called Erledyke and Flayneburghdyke, with ankerage, kaage and grontage within their whole port of Bridelyngton; &c. Partly torn, and part of the seal lost.

ii. Various deeds relating to Monk Soham, Laxfield, Brandeston and Worlingham, chiefly between the times of Rich. II and Hen. VI. But amongst those of Worlingham are these two of earlier date:—Release from William, son of Hubert le Clerk of Suthtone, rector of the church of Great Wirlyngham, and Geoffrey his brother, to Geoffrey de St. Edmund and William le Verdun, of all their right in three acres of marsh in a marsh called le Park in the vill of Wirlyngham which were the said William's from the inheritance of his wife Alice. Dated at Beccles, the Sunday next after the feast of the Ascension 31 Edw. [1. 26 May, 1303].

Grant from Sabina, daughter of Walter de Halle, to Geoffrey de St. Edmund, for ten marks, of all that part of the marsh and pasture called le Park in Werlingham which came to her on the death of her brother Philip de Halle. An oval seal has the inscription 'S'. Sabine vxor' Walt'i.' not dated; c. 1300.

iii. Court Rolls of the manor of Wathe Hall in the times of Henry VI and Henry VIII, and of Sotterley in that of Henry VI.

iv. A very minutely kept book of household and farm accounts in the time of Charles II, in which unfortunately the name of the writer or of the estate does not appear.

v. The Chief Constable's account-book of assessments levied upon the hundred of Looes from 1649 to 1701. In 1652 the collectors were Mr. Downing and Mr. Hawes, and for three years from 1675 Mr. John Dowsing of Easton.

vi. Overseers' account-book for the parish of Kessingland from 1676 to 1762, with a list of overseers commencing at 1658.

vii. A note to a tenant signed Elis. Mole is endorsed with a memorandum that she was a sister of Sir John Duke and formerly wife of Nath. Bacon 'who raised a rebellion in Virginia' [in 1756]. She appears to have married for her second husband Thomas Jarvis, a merchant in Virginia, a copy of whose will, 'late of Virginia and now of London,' dated 4 Apr. 1684 and proved 18 April, (in which he directs his estate in Virginia to be sold) is endorsed with a memorandum that his widow married Mr. Mole, as her third husband.

viii. A petition to the House of Lords, evidently in support of Sir S. Romilly's bill for relaxation of penalties in the Criminal Code, and specially with regard to forgery, which, from its being found here, cannot have been presented, and is probably absolutely unique in its character, being in verse! It is signed by 105 inhabitants of Woodbridge, and as the third in the list of signatures is that of Bernard Barton, it may be very certainly conjectured that the verses exhibit a specimen

of the Quaker poet's powers.* The petition runs thus:—*Beccles, Suffolk.*
 'The humble petition of the undersigned inhabitants and householders of Woodbridge and its vicinity interested, as Men, Englishmen, and Christians, in the amelioration of our Criminal Code, more especially as respects its existing enactments against Forgery, Humbly sheweth

That your Petitioners behold with awe
 The infliction of a sanguinary law,
 Which makes the ermin'd Judge upon his seat
 Reluctantly its dire awards repeat,
 And causes, by its ruthless interdict,
 Juries to be as tardy to convict ;
 While e'en the injur'd Party fears to take
 That Law's redress, for Human Nature's sake.
 That your Petitioners regret to learn
 So slight a mitigation of this stern
 And Spartan law should be the only meed
 For which Philanthropy may hope to plead ;
 A mitigation which but does away
 What had been obsolete for many a day,
 And leaves the full infliction of its force
 To take its old accustom'd barbarous course.
 That therefore your Petitioners implore
 Your Honorable House to waste no more
 Vain pruning on a tree which bears such fruit
 But lay the axe at once unto its root.
 Too long it hath encumber'd English ground,
 And, like the Upas, shed its poison round ;
 But most unlike the shadow of that tree
 Emblem of England's glory wont to be,
 The British Oak, whose giant arms displayed
 Brighten the verdure underneath its shade.
 Thus should our Country's Laws be typified,
 A Christian nation's safeguard and its pride.'

W. D. MACRAY.

* His first printed publication, *The Convict's Appeal*, by B.B., in 1818, was with relation to the same subject.

RECORDS

OF THE

DISSOLVED CORPORATION OF

DUNWICH.

There is much of romantic interest attaching to the remaining records of this Suffolk town, once in far-off days the seat of a Saxon Bishop, and in later times a seaport of importance on the east coast, able to contribute to the naval service of the realm and sending representatives to Parliament, but now only a village with some hundred and fifty inhabitants. Slowly but by sure degrees harbour, churches, town hall, woods, have been submerged by the continual incursions of the sea, until at length the almost last witness to the old existence of a populous town is seen in the fragments of one ruined church out of a former seven, crumbling away year by year on the edge of a low disintegrated cliff. But happily some of the materials for its history have been preserved. In a massive, curiously painted, iron chest, of which the ponderous lid when let down automatically closes the four bolts of a lock of which the key can only be turned with the help of an iron bar, there are Registers which commence at the year 1595. The chest appears to be contemporaneous in date, and to be of Dutch make, and is traditionally believed to have been washed up on Dunwich beach from some wrecked vessel. It is now kept in a room which is used as the village reading-room, but until recently in a neighbouring cottage, which used to be employed as the Town Hall for declaration of Parliamentary elections until the effete borough was disfranchised in 1832. Is it the "great box" recorded as having been bought in 1596 (*ut infra*)?

The early Registers appear never to have been examined,* and several of the earliest have been lost. In 1596 there is a reference to two pages in a 'first' Assembly Book, in 1603 four books of Orders are mentioned, and in 1692, in what is

* Some years ago Dr. Vertue, a resident in Southwold, had access to them, and did some good work in putting loose papers in some order, and repairing covers, &c., but he does not seem to have made any use of the contents.

now vol. IV, an order is made for the production of four *Dunwich*. Assembly Books, which shows that then there were four in existence besides that in which the order is entered. T. Gardner when writing his valuable history of Dunwich, Blythburgh and Southwold in 1754, said (p. 18) that he found, to his surprise, the town's 'archives ransacked of all records, except the Common Court books, and those too close confined for my due inspection.' He clearly suggests that there had been wilful abstraction, and it may be hoped that the lost volumes may eventually be found in some private collection. The records are now in the custody of Trustees appointed by the Charity Commissioners, and the presence of a Trustee is required whenever they are produced for examination, and during the whole time that they are in use. Sincere acknowledgment of thanks is due to the vicar, the Rev. A. S. Thompson, who day after day thus gave up six or seven hours to facilitate the preparation of this Report.

The fishing trade is found to have been carried on far beyond the English coasts. In 1634 there were four vessels going to the North Seas, and paying the town dues customary on each 'adventure'; one in 1640, called the *William and Fortune*, was lost. From 1604 to 1669 we find mention of single ships going to Iceland, of which one, in 1640, was called the *Robert*. In 1634 and in 1643 one vessel goes to the Faroe Islands.

Some justification of the great complaints made by the men of Aldeburgh in the time of James I of the harm done to their trade by privateers from Dunkirk is afforded also by the experience of the men of Dunwich; the Bailiffs' accounts have frequent mention of relief given to persons captured or robbed by 'Dunkirkers.' But in 1602 charitable relief is afforded, upon an Admiralty application by the levying of a rate, to nine prisoners from Dunkirk, who are to be re-patriated. The cruelties inflicted upon captives by Turkish pirates are sadly illustrated, men who have had their tongues cut out by them being not seldom objects of relief.

The accession of James I and the union of the two Crowns is marked at once by the coming of many Scottish mendicants, who do not fail to gain some help. And from 1629 onwards the number of Irish applicants for charitable aid, including ministers and their families, is large. During the Civil War period there is little sign of any disturbance; the eastern counties being Parliamentary strongholds, and Royalist forces rarely (if at all) crossing their borders, occasional relief to soldiers is all that tells of the great strife. And from 1645 to 1653 the entries in the Register are few and unimportant.

Dunwich.

CHARTERS.

None of the original charters are now extant. But of the later there are these copies :—

1. Copy, on paper, and a translation of the Charter granted by Q. Elizabeth, 23 Sept. *anno* 1. (1559), reciting Charters of Edw. VI, Edw. IV, Rich. II, Edw. II, Edw. I and Hen. III.

2. A contemporary paper copy, and a torn later one (made in 1763) of the Charter granted by Will. III and Q. Mary, 23 Jan. *anno* 1. (1690), reciting and confirming Charters of Chas. I, James I, Eliz., Edw. VI and Hen. VIII.

ASSEMBLY BOOKS.

Six volumes in folio, and two in quarto.

Vol. I, 1595–1619 *ff.* 326.—In the original vellum binding, written in clear and clerkly hands, but at first in very verbose style, not always clear in construction. Noted on a fly-leaf as having been exhibited in Chancery in 1715, and on another fly-leaf as having been repaired by the instrumentality of (Dr.) F. H. Vertue, of Red House, Southwold, who also re-inserted at the beginning of the volume some leaves which he had found lying loose among other papers. Unfortunately he did not take pains to ascertain their true places in the volume and their sequence, and hence the first sixteen leaves are very much misplaced. The volume really begins with an Assembly held 27 Oct., 37 Eliz. (1595), at which were present Ralph Boutlour and Richard Freinde ‘Mr. Balie’s deput.,’ four ‘of the xijes,’ ten ‘of the xxiiijes,’ and five freemen. Mr. Baylie Spatchett is appointed to travel to London this term for prosecuting of the town suit in the Court of Exchequer.

1595, 21 Nov., 38 Eliz.—A yearly pension of ten shillings granted to John Gentleman, for the relieving of his poor estate, in consideration of his passing a release of his claim to the poor Almshouse wherein John Trewfoote and Agnes Fisher, widow, now dwell.

1595, 21 Dec.—The Bailiffs’ account of receipts and payments for the year ended at Michaelmas. Receipts (including ‘for therle of Essex his fee,’ 5*l.* [as High Steward], for seven cade, of full herrings sold at market, 3*l.* 10*s.*, and for two cades, 18*s.*), 38*l.* 16*s.* 7*d.* Payments (including many law-expenses and daily charges while in London), 45*l.* 16*s.* 9*d.* ‘To Lord Darbyes players’ 5*s.* ‘To Vincent for watching at the fyer, *vid.* To Thomas Copping . . . when he came to the towne with dim. a barrell of bere at the fyer, *xs.* To Marye Nicholson for bere spent at the fyer, *xijd.* To Walter Vincent and Robert Vincent for two nights watching at the fyer, *viiijd.*’ These Bailiffs’ accounts are distinct from the Chamberlain’s accounts, which show the total of receipts in this year as 37*l.* 16*s.* 5*d.*, and payments 14*l.* 2*s.* 7*d.*

[1596,] Feb., 38 Eliz.—The Bailiffs to travel to Snape Bridge *Dunwich*. on the next day to confer with the townsmen of Orford, Aldeburgh, and other towns about the setting forth of a ship in warlike condition for her Majesty's service.

2 March.—A new lease to be granted to Mr. [Robert] Watkinson, 'our Curatt,' of the benefice and parsonage of Dunwich, to hold during the term of years yet to come that the township has by grant from her Majesty; he paying yearly 40s., and repairing and keeping the chancel windows in both of the parishes in good reparations only of glasing during every year of his term in force. And James Gatherwall [afterwards correctly called *Gathercole*] enters into a bond of 100*l.* as farmer and collector of the tithes, for fulfilment of covenants in case of Watkinson's death or removal from the town.

An assessment to be made for the setting forth of ships. If the matters at variance with Southwold and others be referred for decision to the upright censure and judgement of Mr. Edw. Cooke, the Attorney General, then so many of the town as the Bailiffs shall request shall go speedily to London to join with them for the furtherance of the causes.

Lease to William Davesour of a tenement with ground thereto belonging in Dunwich Forest in the parish of St. Peter, to hold for twenty years at an annual rent of ten shillings.

5 April and 26 April (on a leaf wrongly inserted at the end of vol. II).—Order for an answer to Southwold that the township intends to proceed in their suit against Southwold in the next term.

15 May.—Richard Freinde and Robert Aleyne, the Town Clerk, having been served with a warrant of contempt for not satisfying the composition money imposed upon the town by the Compounders appointed for the county of Suffolk are ordered to enter into a bond for appearance at the Compting House of her Majesty at Greenwich.

29 May.—Robert Aleyne to travel to London to appear at Greenwich, in pursuance of the bond from him and Richard Freinde, and to join with the Southwold townsmen there appointed to answer in the cause.

An assessment of twenty marks to be made towards the charge of her Majesty's ships employed in the warlike service.

1 Nov. f. of All Saints.—Amos Trewe, Thomas Graye, Thomas Whittered and Phinees Mychell are committed to prison for going to sea upon the Sabbath-day last past, and following of their labours thereupon, contrary to the laws of God and of this realm; but in consideration that they come in this open assembly and acknowledge that they have offended the Almighty herein and given an occasion of very evil example, and put themselves to the discretion of the Assembly for the assessing of the fines, the fines are moderated from 20s. apiece to 12*d.*, to the use of the poor people of the town.

Dunwich. Ordered that the Bailiffs or one of them travel to London for the prosecuting the suit in the Exchequer against the townships of Southwold, Walberswick and others.

William Davesone and John Burlingham appointed ringers of the 4 and 8 o'cl. bell in St. Peter's parish from this present day unto the Purification of our Lady, receiving 6*d.* of each of the xii., 4*d.* of each of the xxiv., and of every other inhabitant or dweller according to their ability.

Agreed that Robert Aleyn, now schoolmaster of the 'Mazondewe' shall depart from the said place so soon as he conveniently can, and that [blank] Fawddere shall succeed him, and the Master of the said Poor house shall pay to him a fee of xxs. for so long time yearly as he shall dwell and keep a school.

Account of Robert Aleyn, the Town Clerk, of the charges laid out by him about obtaining a discharge from the Privy Council for freeing the town from contribution to the country for land provision towards the Queen's Household. To Mr. Browne, one of the Clerks of the Green Cloth a reward of xxs. for his furtherance and favour was offered, but he of his benevolence gave it back again 'to the use, as he said, of the poore towne,' and the Lord Chamberlain's secretary accepted ten shillings out of twenty. To the door-keeper of the Chamber to the Court of Green Cloth 'for redye accesse to the Clerks there,' ijs. For passage by water every day twice, a week together, from the Court, vs. For meat, lodging, washing, and gifts where he hosted, for xv days, together with paper and exchange of 50s. white money for 5 pieces of gold at 6*d.*, in the whole xxxviijs. Total iiij*l.* xvs. ijd.

List of four writings given in for the use of the town by the said Aleyn with reference to the said cause. The question of an allowance to Aleyn for his trouble is referred to the discretion of the bailiffs.

13 Nov.—In pursuance of letters from the Privy Council for the speedy preparation of armory, horses, and all other things necessary for the defence of the realm from her Majesty's foreign enemies, 'who pretend, as it is thought, an invasion to this lande of hers, whome we beseche the lyving and eternall God alwayes according to his divine providence to blesse, preserve, defende, protect, and keepe from the same,' ordered that armory and all other things needful be speedily provided, post horses to be found within two or three days, gunpowder to be procured from Ipswich, and if not to be had there, then the bailiffs who are now at London to have notice given them to provide it there.

Mr. Walterger, captain of one of the Queen's ships appointed for 'waltage' [*waftage*] of the fishermen 'in hearing [*herring*] fare,' having sent letters desiring that the fishermen may be moved to extend their voluntary benevolence towards him in regard of his good care in that behalf, the Assembly are well contented to give such portion in satisfying his reasonable demand

proportionably, having special respect to their abilities, as *Dunwich*. other coast towns of like worth do.

23 Nov. [1596], 39 Eliz.—Reference is made to leaves 131 and 132 ‘in the first Assemblie booke.’

A horse bought of Edmond Backe for a post-horse for the Queen’s service for five marks, but re-delivered to him on 12 December.

6 Dec.—List of writings delivered by Robert Spatchett out-going Bailiff, to the new Bailiffs, including, ‘The Towne Charter confirmed under her Highness manuell great seale of Englande,’ and many parcels of writings concerning the title and interest of the haven with reference to the suit with Southwold and Walberswick, and an abstract by Mr. Johnson, one of the counsel for the town, touching such writings, ‘as the same are included and shutt in a great boxe bought for that purpose.’ ‘Item, the platt of the towne drawene and made by Mr. Akers.’

The double accounts of receipts and payments by the two Bailiffs from Mich. 37 Eliz. to Mich. 38 Eliz.; the former amounting to 64*l.* 2*s.*, and the latter (including legal expenses and journeys to London thereon) to 56*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.* There are three payments of five shillings each to three parties of actors, to the Earl of Derby’s players, the Lord ‘Oglye’s’ [Ogle’s?] and the Lord Admiral’s. Fourteen pounds six shillings were laid out in ‘Holland cheese for provition of the town,’ which was sold to sundry persons for 15*l.* The money for the payment to some Frenchmen for the cheese was given out at the Assembly on 27 Nov., 1595.

[1597.] 26 Jan., 39 Eliz.—The Bailiffs to go to Ipswich to deal with the Bailiffs there about letters from the Council with regard to the setting forth of ships for her Majesty’s service. William Graye is fined 10*s.* for using railing and slanderous speeches to Matthew Turvy, one of the company of the 24, but upon his submission and promise of reformation the fine is moderated to 2*s.*, of which half is bestowed upon relief of old father Hill, and half upon the poor widow Sickerfam.

20 March.—The cutting and digging out of a new haven begun; Southwold to be desired to agree, for mutual advantage, for it to be made at some place convenient for both towns, but failing agreement the work to be continued where already commenced.

1 Aug.—The watering in Duck street dried up ‘by reason partelie of the great store of meanner [*manure*?] therein being’; therefore the same to be ‘fyed and cast in this drowtie and seasonable tyme.’

15 Sept.—The Earl of Essex asks to have the nominating and appointing of both Burgesses to serve in Parliament, at which all the Companies are well pleased and give their willing consents for the appointing of one and not of both, the other being elected before his letter was received, and that

Dunwich. nomination being given to Mr. Edw. Cooke, the Attorney General, in respect of his former and continual favour and friendship many ways. [See Gardner, p. 18.]

7 Dec. [1597].—Ordered that if one of every household do not come on the Wednesdays and Fridays weekly to the parish where divine service is used, every offender shall undergo such penalty as the law of the realm has in that behalf already appointed.

16 Dec.—The accounts for the year. For a barrel of herrings sent to Mr. Laney and for the 'phrayte' thereof, 27*s*. A hundred of hay, 12*d*. Full particulars of the daily charges of the agents in London, and of the expenses of the law suit with Southwold. 'Geven to an Erle[s] menne that woulde have played in towne, iijs. iiij*d*. To the Quene her Majestie's players, *and yet much discontented*, by Mr. Allen, scrivener, vjs.' Wine was sent on two occasions to 'Mr. Attorney's' [Coke's] children at Thorington. 'To Mr. Parker for his paynes in preaching amongst us at St. James and other where, xs.'

[1598,] 21 Feb., 40 Eliz.—'Whereas Mr. R. Watkinson, our minister of the benefices of Donewich,' demands certain tithes and duties of some of the inhabitants, 'which of righte with a good consciens he ought not so to doe,' it is ordered that no one henceforth pay or cause to be paid any other tithes and duties than such as heretofore have been accustomedly paid.

17 July.—The variances between the town, Mr. Gatherwall and Mr. Watkinson touching the benefices are referred to be 'comprimitted' by indifferent persons.

[24 Aug.] Feast of St. Bartholomew.—The goods which Jerome Balyes brought with himself to St. James' Hospital, and which remained there at his death, are to be given up to his widow, in regard of her poverty and great charge of children, she allowing the charges of the keeper's attendance, and bringing her husband seemly to Christian burial.

29 Sept.—Whereas divers who have been bailiffs have by reason of their office in executing the statutes of the town been wrongfully molested by actions and otherwise after their office has expired, insomuch that few men dare take upon them the said office for fear of molestation, the twelve Portmen and the second company of Twenty-four, guarantee indemnity to the newly elected Bailiffs, Francis Birks and Thomas Foster, against any molestations.

5 Dec., 41 Eliz.—A 'rature' to be made through the town to answer the arrears due towards the charges of Cales voyage.

[1599,] 16 March, 41 Eliz.—Ten persons appointed carefully to view all the orders already made and recorded in the town, for the allowing of such as in their discreet considerations shall stand, and for others that shall be repealed.

17 June.—Answer returned to a letter from the Mayor, Aldermen and Sheriff of Newcastle-upon-Tyne entreating that the coast-towns generally will contribute to the charge of

one or two warlike ships for the waftage of those that trade *Dunwich*. thither, viz. that it is not thought convenient, for the fishermen conjecture that it will tend little to their safe conduct.

[1599,] 7 Dec., 42 Eliz.—Accounts for the year. Receipts 4*l.* 12*s.* 10*d.*, and 5*l.* to be received ('for the towne's part of a little pig porpes founde by Ric. Saunders, *vjd.*'). Payments, 4*l.* 10*s.* 3*d.* ('To a poore soldiour that came from the Emperours wares in Hungarye 7 Dec. 1598, *vjd.* To a poore minister that asked releif the Saterday before Christmas, 1598, *vjd.*')

29 Dec.—The Bailiffs to agree for the town bells at St. Peter's to be 'yotted' by a Bell-founder so reasonably as they can compound with him for the doing thereof, 'so workemanable and concordable in good harmonye of musick as the same ought for to be,' and a general 'rature' for the same to be made upon the parishioners of St. Peter's.

[1600,] Michaelmas Day, 42 Eliz.—Mr. Yongre, the preacher, to have freely and use the 'Mazondewe' school house for his dwelling and teaching of youth from this time till the Coronation day [15 Jan.] of the Queen's Majesty next coming, and then to continue therein if in the meantime good liking shall be taken of him by the town's people.

3 Dec., 43 Eliz.—Mr. Watkinson having complained to the Chancellor of Norwich against the Bailiffs, it is ordered that a speedy answer be sent to such special points as tend to the disgrace and rebuke both of them and their offices, to the grievance and no little detriment of the town, and also with humble request that our two parishes may, either of them, be served with a meet minister or preacher, as heretofore the same have been used to be served.

Letters to and from Mr. Chamberlin concerning some question by the latter as to the benefices ('who shall fynde the minister for the serving of them,' *fol.* 80).

Agreed that widow Myles be admitted a sister in the Hospital of St. James, so as she can make a sufficient conveyance of her tenement in Donwyche unto the use of the Hospital.

15 Dec.—Accounts. 'To a traveller taken by thenemy, *vj.d.* To a boy that whipped the wench, 1*d.* To her Majesties players, *vjs.* viij*d.*'

[1601,] 7 June, 43 Eliz.—Contract by Will. and Edw. Gyles for the repair of the old 'Kay' and the making of a new one for 7*l.* 10*s.* [a subsequent contract by them for making sluice gates for 15*l.*, 2 Apr., 1602, *fol.* 93*b.*]

20 Sept.—Consent 'that Mr. Webster our Curate shall have made for him on the towne charge a new and decent sufficient gowne fit for his degree against Christmas daye next, according to the towne's promyse to him in that behalf made.'

11 Oct.—Mr. Myngaye nominated by Attorney General Cooke to be one of the Burgesses in Parliament, and John Suckling, esq., Secretary to the Lord High Treasurer, elected to be the other.

Dunwich. 17 Dec.—Accounts. Expenses at London as usual. ‘To a poore maymed souldiour for his releif, xvij.*d.* To another poore man vj.*d.* For a table bought for the Scholchowse, iij.*s.* To a poore souldier comyng from Ostende, vj.*d.* To a messenger who came to give knoweledge of the Parliament, iij.*s.* iij.*d.* For bringing of Mr. Webster’s books from Hadleye to Donwiche, vj.*s.* vj.*d.* For his half yere promised by the towne, x.*s.* To a pursevant for bringing of proclamations for the clothiers, iij.*s.* iij.*d.*’

[1602,] 11 April, 44 Eliz.—The Lord Chief Justice [Sir John Popham] elected High Steward.

7 Oct.—The Bailiffs and three others to go to Eastbridge to confer with neighbours upon letters from the Privy Council for the setting forth of ships for the withstanding of the Dunckerkers.

14 Oct.—Robert Aleyne elected Town Clerk.

15 Dec., 45 Eliz.—A Bible returned to Mr. Edmund Back which had been taken in distress for certain dues unpaid.

18 Dec.—Upon letters from Sir Anthony Wingfield and John Talbot, Vice-Admiral of the coast, a ‘rature’ of twenty shillings is ordered to be collected for the comfort and relief of nine Dunkerkeres committed to Melton gaol towards their free enlargement, and supplying their present wants in their return.

24 Dec.—Accounts. Received ‘for halfe a towne porpose, ix.*l.*’ Among the payments many gifts to poor soldiers and others; spent at Herwich by Michael Cooper, Bailiff, when going to London, ‘being wynde bound, xxij.*s.*; more spent in tarryeing for the wynde, v.*s.* To the messenger that brought the proclamations against the men of warre, iij.*s.* iij.*d.*’

1603, 31 March.—Proclamation by Thomas Rowse, esq., of the accession of James I. The expenses on the occasion were 26*s.* 10*d.*, with twelve pence given to the ringers, *ff.* 124*b*–5. Mr. Talbot, the Vice-Admiral’s deputy, to be gratified with some fit reward for his friendship to the town.

12 April.—In a matter of complaint, made by John Chambers, it is ordered that the following books be exhibited before Commissioners appointed to examine into it at Snape on 14th inst., viz., the first four books of Orders, the Presenting book, and the Court book.

19 April.—Valentine Knightly, esq., elected a burgess in Parliament on the nomination of Sir Edw. Cooke, and—[*blank*] Stannope, esq., at Mr. Talbot’s desire, provided that ‘he onely will serve and supplye the place in his owne person, and by no other by his apointment; and if he should refuse to serve as before,’ then Robert Brook, esq., who has moved by letters for election, shall be the other burgess. [See 12 Feb., 1604.]

17 May.—Mr. William Wood is, on account of his poor distressed estate, admitted a brother of the ‘Masondeu’ for his better relief, comfort and sustentation, and as he has two books, viz., *Abridgement of the Statutes* and a Service

book lying in the Townhouse for duties which he should *Dunwich.* pay, it is now granted that the Bailiffs shall re-deliver them gratis.

24 Oct.—The cargo of a wrecked and abandoned Scottish bark called the William of Dondee, whereof Richard Renken [Rankine] was captain and part owner, which consisted of linen of Scots cloth, is restored to the owners, on condition of one fourth part being retained, of which half is for the benefit of the town, and half for the Bailiffs for their pains in the recovery. [Bailiff Spatchett was arrested on 10 June, 1604, 'for the custome of certaine Scottish cloth supposed to be dew,' *fol.* 132*b.*]

28 Dec.—Accounts. Gifts to various poor soldiers, and others, including three shillings 'to a Blackamore souldior in releyf, having letters to that effect.' 'In distribucion to Mr. Robert Ramsey, of the nobilitie of the cittye of Edenburgh, having the Kinges majestic lycence into the countrye of Polonia in June 20, 1603, xvij*d.* For the charges of the townesmen on the Coronacion day, viz. ringers, gonners, and dromers, ij*s.* iii*d.* Charges bestowed on the townesmen for their paynes bestowed on the first day of August, being comaunded to honor that daye for the Kinges great deliveraunce, suppers and beere, xij*s.* x*d.* Payd to Halledaye for heeling of Robson's man's legge hurt on the Coronacion daye, v*s.* Payd to Mr. Mydnell for which I was sued for, for Cales viadges, iij*l.* xv*s.*' [See 5 Dec., 1598.]

[1604,] 6 Feb., 1 Jas. I.—Mr. Watkinson desires a certificate under the Town's seal, what living he had out of the parsonage during the time that the lease of the parsonage remained in the Town's hand, which is granted. [Ordered on 12 Feb. to be sealed.] Upon a request from the Bailiffs of Southwold and the inhabitants of Walberswick that Donwiche would join with them in a suit at the next Parliament for obtaining general help out of every parish church throughout England towares the making and 'pering' the haven of Donwiche and the channel from Prymes dock to Southwold key, it is agreed that a conference shall be held upon the special points which may be most beneficial for the three towns, viz. these, '1. First, our jurisdiction of the Admiraltie to the Woodesend. 2. The rights and customs dew to the towne. 3. The place of cutting out the haven fytttest. 4. The making of a good and fytt channell between the haven and us. 5. For the receyving and disbursing of severall somes for the same worke.'

[1604,] 12 Feb.—Agreed that Sir Valentine Knyghtley, *knt.*, and Philip Gawdy, *gent.*, shall be the Burgesses in Parliament. But on 31 March Sir Thomas Smyth, *knt.*, is substituted for the former, who has been chosen for Northamptonshire.

31 March.—Answer to the Bailiffs of Southwold that suit will be made for 'the pering of the haven and jetting of the flatts to Prymes dock,' and that Donwiche is willing it shall be done jointly provided the others will equally share in the

Dunwich. making and maintaining the flatts, and that the suit for the haven be made in the name of the port of Donwiche; or else this town will proceed to do it themselves.

18 April.—Mr. Robert Spatchet to travel to London, and use the counsel of the burgess and town counsel 'as well for sewing and pering the haven as renewing the Charter.'

10 June.—Mr. Spatchet delivered in the Charter confirmed by the King.

12 Nov.—Agreement with Mr. Halsey, commissioner for provision of herrings for the King's household, for payment yearly for three years of forty shillings towards the buying of four barrels of white herrings and four cades of red herrings, freeing the town from all further demand.

17 Dec.—Accounts. 'For half a porposse sent to Mr. Talbot, xx.d. To the preacher who preached at St. Peter's, iij.s. iiij.d. To Mr. Watkinson in part for drawing the petition for the haven iij. tymes, v.s.' The expenses and fees for the renewal of the Charter amount to 13*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* 'To my Lord's players, v.s. To a Scotchman which had lost his goods by fyre, ij.s. vj.d. To a Scotchman having a lycence from the Lords of the Previe Councell, xij.d. To a Scotchman which lost his shipp loden with wyne, vj.d. To the boy was whipped, iiij.d.' The charitable gifts are unusually numerous. Much is laid out upon the Town House in building or repairing.

1606, 18 Dec.—Accounts. 'Spent at sondrye tymes upon the preachers comeing hether to preach, vij.s. viii.d. Laid out upon the election daye, spent upon preachers, ij.s. vj.d.' Payments for clothes for poor people and for children, and for winding-sheets are now frequent.

1607, 17 Dec.—Accounts. 'Gratuitie to the King's players, vj.s. viij.d. To a poore Scottish man which had lost his shipp. To a Hollander which had lost his shipp laden with salt and iron, ij.s. To Mr. Carpenter for his fee of the proclamations for the insurrection in Somerssetshire, iiij.s. iiij.d. To the King's messenger for his fee in bringinge proclamations for the staye of passengers transporting gold and coyne over sea, iiij.s. iiij.d. More spent on the Preacher, ij.s.'

1608, 29 Aug.—Persons having salt, coal, or other things to sell upon the water are only to sell by the water-bushel, according to the Statute. Agreed that Mr. Morgan, for his maintenance and for his pains in reading divine service and preaching, shall have 12*l.* yearly for three years.

In the accounts for this year the gifts to poor soldiers are very numerous, and those to sick and poor persons in the town would seem to be regular allowances, probably from the funds of the Maison Dieu and St. James' Hospital.

11 Dec.—The Key, chennell, and 'glowghes' being in great ruin and decay, it is agreed that the Bailiffs procure some men of experience in these businesses to view the same and give their advice what is best to be done.

Mr. Morgan, 'our Preacher,' to have three chambers within *Dunwich*. the 'Masondewe' for his dwelling, for three years. A list follows, under date of 26 Dec., of 72 persons, who promise annual contributions for making up Mr. Morgan's salary of 12*l.*, being eight of 'the twenty-four,' 23 freemen, 34 'foreigners,' and two others.

[1609,] 7 March.—Whereas it hath pleased God by force of the water to take from the town the way at the south end leading to the sea-side, so as the King and the inhabitants and others can have no passage, it is ordered that a new way be made through the land of Peter Willet, and that, he being a poor man, twenty shillings be given him in consideration thereof, and that Matthew Dering, being farmer of the said piece of land, shall have free common for a cow for two years.

John Daye re-appointed Town Shepherd, on his petition.

27 March.—An aid to be levied for the King 'for the yong Prince.'

27 Sept., 1609.—Robert Spatchet resigns his office as Master of the Maison Dieu, and brings in his account of receipts, 8*l.* 19*s.* 9*d.*, and of payments, being his fee, 9*l.* 16*s.* 10*d.*, with arrears due of 11*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.* Robert Wylde chosen to be one of the brethren of the House.

20 Dec.—Accounts. 'Laid out to a Schoolemaister that came from Hoxne, who made suite for the Masondewe house, v*j.**d.* Given to a poore woman that had fyve children and her husband burnt in the house, x*j.**d.* To Bradye [a carpenter] for a God's pennye, x*j.**d.* To a Frenche boye that was hurte by theeves, i*j.**d.* To my Lord of Sussicks players, v*s.* To fower poore men that had lost ther shipp and goods and men comeing out of Spayne, i*j.**s.* To two Greacians which had lycense, being taken by the Turkes galleis, and kept 10 [?] yeres, and ther sonnes layd for ther ransome which came to eyght hundred crownes, v*s.* Spent at Mrs. Archer's with Mr. Fletcher the preacher, xii*j.**d.*'

1610, 12 Dec.—Accounts. 'To Edmond Vincent for makeing cleane the Crosse, i*j.**d.* To a maymed saylor that cam out of the Turkes galleis, v*j.**d.* To the messenger for proclamations concerning the recalling of a booke writ by Doctor Cowell, i*j.**s.* iii*j.**d.** To Ann Johnson, dwelling at Seaton in the countie of York, who lost by fyre her husband and two children, in wears to the value of fower score pounds, x*j.**d.* To the masons for layeing the Crosse with brick, i*j.**s.* vii*j.**d.*'

[1611,] 1 Jan.—A letter being received from Southwold asking aid in digging out a haven in the township of Southwold, which they are determined to go about to-morrow, it is answered that Donwich is not minded to send any help to dig any other haven so long as this which they have already do run.

* Cowell's [*Law*] *Interpreter*, published in 1607.

Dunwich. 24 April.—Agreed that a conference be held with the men of Southwold and Walberswick about the making a new haven.

7 May.—Agreed to collect a rate for the making of a haven and chennell, in performance of an agreement made with Southwold and Walberswick on 3 May.

16 Aug.—Mr. William Morgan, clerk, desires the favour of a certificate under the town seal, of his behaviour, life, and conversation, which by general consent is granted.

8 Sept.—Mr. Robert Hasburghe [afterwards, Bailiff John Harper] is appointed to go to London for assistance in preferring a petition to the King concerning the proposed haven.

1612, 4 May.—None of the poor people inhabiting within the Hospital of St. James may take home to them their children into the same house; such children are without any delay to be turned out and put to service or placed otherwise, and in case of refusal the parents are to lose their place and be themselves turned out.

Mr. Roger Crispe desires the favour of a certificate under the town seal of his life and conversation, which is granted, it being the part of every good Christian to certify his knowledge in such a case.

17 May.—Certificate granted to Mr. Jonas Blowfold to send to the Lord Chancellor showing the great losses he has sustained by shipwreck to the value of 600*l*.

16 Aug.—Agreed to give twenty shillings to the Lady Parnell Rous her man at his wedding, she and Sir John Rous having requested it by a letter, and Mr. Bailiff Hasborough shall carry it to the wedding at the time appointed.

26 Sept.—Agreed at the request of Mr. Wentworth to bestow thirty shillings upon Mr. Wentworth's man at his wedding, to be carried by Mr. Thomas Coppin to the wedding.

17 Dec.—Accounts "Geven to a Scotishman being sicke in the towne, to send him hence, *ij.s.* To a creppell, one of the King's beadmen, travayleing to London, and for a horse for him, and one to fetch the horse againe, *ij.s.* Paid Gitten for the halfe of the porpose found the 15 March, *ij.s.*'

1613, 12 Sept.—Agreed that a Beacon be made, 16 inches square below, and at the head 8 inches; the ground work to be at the discretion of the Bailiffs and workmen; the height shall be 48 feet, and by like discretion.

22 Dec.—Accounts.—'Laid out to Mr. Talboate, *xxx.s.* To a Capteyne and for his horse, *vij.s.* Spent when the Capteyne was here, *ijj.s.* Spent when the Vice-Admirall was here, *ijj.s.* Laid out for canvas for the banner, *ij.s.* Paid for makeing of the banner, *iiij.d.* To Elizabeth Gybon for a staff for the banner, *iiij.d.* For matts for the seates for the Towne House, *ijj.s.* To a pore lame man and his wife and fower small children, which came out of Norfolk and travyled to London for releife; they had house burnt and all that they had, *ij.s.*'

[1614,] 21 March.—Henry Dade, esq., elected a Burgess *Dunwich*. in Parliament at the request of the Earl of Suffolk and others, and Philip Gawdy, esq., at his own request and that of Lord Coke.*

27 March.—A 'rater' of 10*l.* to be collected 'for and toward the purchaseinge of a haven and the escoreinge and mendinge of the Chennell unto Humberstons Cutt'; one to travel to London with Southwold and Walberswick men about the business.

24 May.—Letter to Mr. John Harper in London, desiring him as a neighbour, and loving friend, to petition his Majesty and the House of Parliament 'for the peering and repaireing of the Haven Flatts and Chennell to Humberstons Cutt'; 'for the better furtheringe therof we perceyve that some gratuitie is to be bestowed.'

29 Aug.—Whereas at a Common Assembly held on the Sunday next after the Nativity of the B. Virgin, 3 Hen. VII [9 Sept., 1487], it was ordered that any one refusing to take office when elected Bailiff should forfeit 5*l.*, it is now ordered, divers persons having of late so refused, that the forfeit be increased to 10*l.*

16 Dec.—Accounts. 'Paid to Spinck for halfe a rundlet of Swarte beere, ix*d.* Geven to a Skotcheman, iiij*d.* Geven to a Flemeing, vj*d.*'

1615, 29 Aug.—Ordered 'that in regard that the greater parte of the revenewes is brought in by the fishermen, and that the Chennell is soe decayed that noe passage can almoste be had, to the great hurte, greife, and discontentment of the said fishermen . . . a third parte of the Towne dole and all kinde of fisherfaire and sea duties happening shalbe taken out of all vessells belonging to the said towne, and the same third parte to be imployed and bestowed in and aboute the repaireing and amending of the said Chennell and the bridges ther.'

In this year no fewer than ten royal Proclamations were received.

[1616,] 28 Feb.—'Wheras suite hathe ben made by our neighbours of Yarmoth and Southwold for the obteyneinge of two of his Majesties shippes for walting [*sic*] the Izelond and Northsea men, and haveing obteyned ther request, have desired that the money expended and disbursed should be borne by the adventurers on those voyages, It is agreed that the inhabitants of this our towne of Donwych shall paye and beare the chardge proporcionablye according to ther adventures as all other townes lyable to that chardge shall doe.'

1616, 15 Aug.—Accounts of Thomas Gathercole, Bailiff, deceased. 'Geven to the Prince's players, iij*s.* iiij*d.*, to the Quene's players, v*s.* Laid out in parte of twentie shillings

* Not in Gardner's list of burgesses.

Dunwich. for a gratulacion geven to Baker towards his losses, his houses being burnte, at request of Sir John Rous, xiiij.s.'

23 Oct.—The Town seal affixed to a certificate to the Lord Chancellor showing the great losses sustained at sea by Mr. John Harper.

20 Dec.—Accounts. 'Geven to the Quene's players, iij.s. iij.d. Geven to a vagrant person that was whipped according to the Statute and to him that whipped him, vj.d. Geven to the Quene's players at another tyme, ij.s. Spent and geven to Mr. Ireland the preacher preaching here, ij.s. x.d. Geven to seaven lambe [*lame*] men that came out of the King's Hospitall and so travayleing into Lincolneshere, vj.d. Geven to a lambe mann that cam from St. Thomas Hospitall, iij.d.'

1617, 23 April.—Ordered that the Clerk of the Market, notwithstanding he have warned the country to appear before him here with their weights and measures, shall in no wise meddle with any weights and measures whatsoever belonging to the town, nor with any other matter whatsoever concerning the town.

19 May.—Ten persons lend 3*l.* 8*s.* to the Master, Brethren and Sisters of St. James Hospital towards their sending to London to make search for the records of the Hospital, and for sueing out and renewing of their Charter.

6 Dec.—Ordered that Mr. John Harper go to London about the making and peering of a haven.

10 Dec.—Accounts. 'Geven to the poore in the Mazondewe, iij.s. Geven to two soldiers which came out of Turkey, ij.s. Paid to Will. Goodale for whippinge of Marye Cliffe, ij.d.,—for whippinge of two roughtes, iij.d.' (*and again for two roughtes and for a boy*).

1618, 9 Aug.—Upon Mr. [Thomas] Cole's shewing that he cannot have his privileges at Newcastle as a freeman of this town, agreed that he have a certificate that he is a freeman paying sort and lot in all such sort as other freemen do, and therefore ought to have his privileges at Newcastle and all other places within the King's dominions as other freemen have without denial; and if refused, this town desire to have the answer that they may take such course as they shall think fitting.

25 Oct.—Mr. John Harper to travel to London to take advice what to answer to a letter from the Mayor of Newcastle and his brethren concerning duties which they would draw from this town contrary to our Charter; and also for the obtaining a sum of money for the making and peering of the haven.

29 Oct.—Ordered that the Bailiffs borrow such money as is needed for the haven. The King to be petitioned with regard to obtaining the money, and the Privy Council with regard to the duties claimed from freemen by the town of Newcastle.

15 Dec.—Accounts. ‘To the King’s messenger for two *Dunwich*. Proclamations, the one concerning Sir Walter Rauley, the other Phisicians, v.s. For thirtie pound of gunpowder, xxvij.s. ij.d. For wyne and suger bestowed upon my Lord Coke’s sonnes and his frends, xxx.s. ij.d. Geven to two Grecians that had the Lord Admirall’s seale, xij.d. To a young man that came from the Turks, and had his passe to travaile to his frends, viij.d. Geven to a travailour that was taken in Turkye, and his tong cut out of his head and maymed, nowe goeing to his frends, viij.d. To the King’s messenger for bringing a bundle of Proclamations concerning the excessive carriage with waggens, iij.s. iiij.d.’

[1619,] 13 Feb.—The King’s protection for collecting money for the haven being obtained and briefs from the Council and letters, it is agreed that Mr. John Back shall travel along with the Judges going the Lent assizes circuits, and lay the briefs, and do what is fitting for the good of the town.

18 Feb.—Mr. Thomas Coppin elected coroner in Mr. Mason’s place deceased.

21 Feb.—Letters having been received at Yarmoth from the Council for the providing money for setting forth ships for suppressing certain pirates, and that town having written to this town as a member of that, desiring them to bear part of the charge, it is ordered that answer be made that *Dunwich* is an ancients town than Yarmoth, and no member of it, and has no shipping, or merchants, or any other, that travel into those parts specified in the Council’s letters.

4 April.—Mr. Roger Crispe and Mr. John Harper to go to Yarmoth about the answering the letter concerning the raising of 200*l.* towards the extirpation of pirates at Argier and Tunis.

At a subsequent meeting of which the date is torn off, the sum of 33*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.* was received as collected in London towards the haven, for which the expenses were 17*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*

Vol. II, containing 180 leaves in the original parchment cover; somewhat mutilated, and injured by damp. Extends from Dec. 1627 to August 1653.

1627, Dec.—Accounts, mutilated. ‘Spent upon Mr. Swayne, preacher, viij.d.’

1628, 20 May.—A ‘rator’ to be made for providing gunpowder and other things necessary for the two guns belonging to the town.

1629, 18 Dec.—Accounts. ‘Given to a company of Irish people, viij.d. To three Irish women, viij.d. To two Irish people, iij.d. To a poore man whose leg was shott off, vj.d. To one whose tongue was cutt out, vj.d. To three men that were taken by the Frenchmen, xij.d. To an old scholler

Dunwich. came from Oxford, xij.d. To three men of Yarmouth that came from France, xij.d. To three poore men taken by Frenchmen, xij.d. To 4 men that had their shipp taken by the French, xij.d. To 2 men that came out of Dunkirk, viij.d. To Irish people, viij.d. To 3 soldiers that came from the King of Denmark, xij.d. To a company of Irish, vj.d. To 5 soldiers that came from the King of Denmark, landed at Lestofte, xvj.d. To a scholler and his wife that were travellinge, xij.d. To a company of Irish, vj.d. Paid for whipping of 4 wandringe people that travelled contrary to the Statute, vj.s. Given to them and for caryeing them awaie, xvij.d. To 2 men of Ipswich taken by the Donkerks, vj.d. To Irish people, iiij.d. To Irish people, vj.d. To an Irish man and his wife, vj.d. To a man that was taken by the Donkerks, iiij.d.'

1630, 22 Sept.—Sir William Denny, knt., chosen Recorder.

1 Nov.—Accounts. 'Layd out when the Dunkurks came ashore, ij.s. vj.d.'

[1631,] 18 Jan.—Order for a collection for repair of the North Marsh walls, with a letter of legal advice from Sir W. Denny thereon.

Accounts. 'To a Yarmouth man that was taken by Dunkirks, iiij.d. To 2 poore men that were taken by the Dunkirkes, vj.d.'

1632, 16 May.—John Threlkeld sworn in as Town Clerk.

1631, 10 Nov.—Accounts. [Gifts at various times to 15 men taken by the Dunkirkers.] Jan. 9. 'Bestowed upon Mr. Jermy that preached then here a pinte of sacke and a cake, 8d. To one taken by the Turkes, his tongue cut out, 6d.'

1632.—Accounts. 'For one pynt of wyne spent upon young Mr. Pearce when he preached, vj.d. [And again, x.d.] To a poore man which had been taken with pirates, vj.d. Spent at Mr. Bird's with Mr. Swayne when he preached, i.s. To a poore man which had been taken with pirates, vj.d. Spent at Mr. Bird's with Mr. Swayne when he preached, i.s. To a poore woman driven out of Ireland, i.s. For nayles to the Crosse, ij.d. For pining the Towne Crosse, i.s. To a poore man who had been taken with the Turkes, i.s. For wyne spent at a feast which Mr. Bird made when Mr. Joanes preached here, iiij.s. x.d.'

1633.—Accounts. 'To 3 Flemings that lost their shippe at Orfordnesse, ij.s. iiij.d. To 2 Dunkirkes which went out of our gaole, vj.d. To 2 men taken with the Dunkirkes, viij.d. [and to 3 men, i.s. and to 3 Scots, i.s. and to 6 men i.s.]. To an Irish mann and his wyfe that had great losses, i.s. Spent upon young Mr. Pearce at twice, i.s. To a poore scholler of Cambridge, vj.d. To 3 Irish women and seven children, i.s. To 18 Scottish souldiers landed at Aldeburgh, iiij.s. vj.d.'

12 July.—A warrant from the Judges of Assize being received for the suppressing of the needless multitude of alehouses called tippling houses, it was agreed that they might be reduced to eight, which was done immediately.

29 Aug.—Orders respecting the commonage of freemen. *Dunwich.*

[1634,] 9 Jan.—Accounts. 'To Irish people travelling into Norfolk, xj.d. For mending the Watch banner, viij.d. To 3 Hollanders which had been taken by the Dunkirkes, vj.d.' In further accounts there are many gifts of usual kind, to men who had been taken by the Dunkirkes, to 'ship-broken' men, Irish people, including three who had a 'large' testimonial from the Council, and to soldiers, including one who was whipped and in prison.

1634.—Accounts. Among receipts is this item, which may also possibly occur under earlier date and have been overlooked: 'Of John Pedrom for closing the waye at the Fryers, v.s.' Payments. 'Sent to Mr. Dade [*the M.P.*] 5 cupple of great coddys, one cupple of great linges, and a cade of spratts, xxij.s. To 2 womenn and 3 childrenn that had lost ixc.li. by the Turkes, and their husbands prisoners, ij.s. One proclamation for the King's Evell, ij.s. To 2 Scottish merchaunts that had great losses by the Turkes, i.s. To a merchaunt's wyfè that had great losses by the Turkes and her husband in slaverie, i.s. To an other merchaunt's wyfe and her mother that had great losses by the Turkes and their husbands in slaverie, i.s. vj.d. To an old mann that had his howse blowne downe, viij.d. To the King's players, v.s. To vj. Scotch souldiers, some of them lame and sicke, i.s. To an old scholler, i.s. To a poore mann which came out of Turkye, vj.d.'

22 Nov.—A warrant having been received from the King for an assessment towards the charge of setting forth a ship of 700 tons, an order is made for the meeting the High Sheriff at Ipswich for fixing and collecting a rate.

1635, 30 March.—Order for petitioning the Privy Council for some mitigation towards the great ship to be builded of 700 tons.

22 April.—Order about employing the 20*l.* formerly left by Sir George Coppin, knt., deceased, for the poor people of the town towards payment of a debt due to the town of Southwold, to be repaid into the hands of the bailiffs for the time being out of a general rate to be made about 10 Aug. next.

15 Sept.—Appointment of feoffees for Coppin's legacy (of which the profits are now 26*s.* 8*d.*), and provision by distress against any default of bailiffs.

27 Oct.—Mr. George Spratt to travel to London to solicit the business against the patentees for Saltworks, and to carry up the Charters for the town and Admiralty.

[1636,] 20 May.—Ordered that if Mr. William Farrar, who has now a lease of St. Francis house and meadow for 13 years, shall, in consideration that he shall in some reasonable sort give content to one Parnell Tockelove, widow, who makes challenge thereunto, have a new lease for 21 years, upon paying 20*s.*

Dunwich. 29 Sept.—Resolved that John Trewman from henceforth shall never have any voice to any effect in the Town Chamber. (He was a freeman who had been in Blythburgh gaol in 1633.) Accounts. 'Received of the Collectors and others in parte of the rate for the shipp for his Majestie's service, xxj.li. v.s.' Payments. 'Spent on Mr. Goulding when he had preached at All Saints, vj.d. Spent on Mr. Fleetwood when he preached heere, vj.d. Spent upon Mr. Swayne when he preached here, vj.d. (twice). To a Scotch gentleman and two children, i.s. Spent with Mr. Mountford when he came downe about the Salt Workes, i.s. viij.d. Spent with Mr. [the] Baylifes of Southwold when they came for xx.li. which wee did owe them, iij.s. vj.d. Spent upon Mr. Hunt when he preached at All Saints againe, i.s. —with Mr. Pears when he preached heere two dayes in Maye, i.s. Spent with Mr. Beddyngfeild when Mr. Pake put the hatter into the gaole, ix.d. Geven to a mann which was taken by the States' menn of warr, i.s. To a mann whose tonge was cutt out, iiij.d. Spent upon them that helped upp with the shippyards of the stones which came on shore att Cuttcliffe, i.s. vj.d. Spent with the preacher of Blyborow when he preached heere, one pynte of wyne, vj.d. Spent on Mr. Peace when he preached, 1 pynte sacke, vj.d. Spent on young Mr. Pearce, one pynte of wyne, vj.d. To the postmaster for carrying a black boxe with two Charters in it to London, i.s. To a souldier which was taken with the Dunkirkes, vj.d. Spent upon Mr. Eachard when he preached on Easter Sunday, vj.d. (and twice afterwards)—on Mr. Moyses when he preached, 17 July, i.s. ij.d. Geven to a boy which came runing away from his master from Norwich, and was heere whipped, vj.d. Spent on Mr. Pearce the Saboth after his father's decease, i.s.—the next tyme Mr. Pearce preached heere, vj.d. Spent with the Dunkirkes that grownded, i.s. vj.d. To a poore man and 4 smale children which had a passe that everye towne he passed through must sett downe what they gave him, ij.s. vj.d. Spent on young Mr. Pearce when he preached, i.s. ij.d.—when he preached on St. James daye, vj.d.'

18 Nov.—A meeting to be held with the High Sheriff at Ipswich about the charge of setting forth a ship of 800 tons for his Majesty's service. A rate for the purpose ordered on 15 Dec.

24 Nov.—At the meeting at Ipswich it is agreed that towards the sum required of 8,000*l.*, nine Corporations shall contribute 682*l.* 19*s.*, but the share for Dunwich is the lowest, only 4*l.*

1637, 20 Oct.—The bailiffs to go to Ipswich to meet the High Sheriff, &c., there to compound for the charge of setting forth the ship of 800 tons.

30 Dec.—The little brass gun belonging to the town to be carried to London and sold, and with the money an other gun of iron to be bought, for more apt and fitter service for the town. A rate for collecting twelve pounds towards preferring a petition to the Privy Council for making of the Haven, the

common Key and the 'glowes' there. [The brass gun weighed 1,500*lbs.*, and was sold at 13*s.* 6*d.* the hundred; but the clear profit, 'over and above the new iron gunne' is stated at 12*l.* fol. 97*b.*] *Dunwich.*

[1638,] 5 Feb.—Orders respecting commonage. Accounts [to Mich., 1637]. 'Spent on Mr. Pearce on two severall tymes when he preached, 0*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.*'

Accounts, 1637–8. 'Received of the Flemmings two dollers for growndinge, 0*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*' Payments. 'To 5 or 6 Frenchmenn taken by Dunkirkes, 1*s.* Dec. 3. Spent this Sunday upon Mr. Eacherd, 6*d.*' [*twice*. Other preachers are Mr. Brugges, Dec. 25; Mr. Dockrane, July 2; Mr. Crosbye, at the fair, July 16, and Mr. Fenn.] 'To 7 Frenchmen taken by the Dunkirkes, 1*s.* —[also to three, 1*s.*, and to a Fleming, 6*d.*, and to four men, 8*d.*]. To a Gernayne minister that came out of the Palatianate cuntrye, 1*s.* To a scholler in distresse having a testimoniall, 1*s.* For pining the Crosse and other worke, 8*s.* 6*d.* [To a woman of Yarmouth and a captain's wife, both whose husbands were in Turkey, 6*d.* and 1*s.*] To 6 French men taken with the Dunkirkes, and had a passe made at Yarmouth, 1*s.* 6*d.*'

[1639,] 21 March.—Order for a rate to provide gunpowder and match for the two great guns belonging to the Corporation, and wheels and carriages for the iron gun.

Copy of the will of William Southwell, gent., dated 14 April, 1638, bequeathing 20*l.* to be lent yearly without interest to poor members of the Corporation; and of a receipt and bond for the same, dated 10 April, 1639.

An Act for restraint of keeping swine in the streets. [This was more than once renewed.]

1640, 23 Dec.—Accounts. 'To ij. French men that came from Dunkirke jayle, 4*d.* Spent with Mr. Pearse when hee preached upon the election day, 1*s.* 2*d.*'

23 March.—Mr. Henry Cooke and Mr. Anthony Bedingfeild elected Burgesses in Parliament. These were re-elected on 23 October.

12 Dec.—Payments: 'To 6 French men taken with Dunkirks, 1*s.* 4*d.* [and again to 4. Relief several times to men that had come out of Turkey, to wandering scholars, including one who had lost his means coming out of Holland, to soldiers and their wives going to or coming from Berwick.] To a merchant that have lost 1,000*l.* by sea, 2*s.* For a drumme and drumstickes, 1*l.* 6*s.* 0*d.*' [To preachers, Mr. Fenn, twice, and Mr. Wright.] 'To a poore ould man of 100 yere old, 6*d.* To a poore ould man much woe to goe, 1*s.*' [To many persons who had had losses by fire, and to a Bedlam man and a Bedlam woman.]

[1641,] 2 Jan.—Mr. Thomas Coppin elected Master of the Poor House, commonly called the Masendiew, for one year. The Town's acquittance to him for 100*l.* bequeathed to the town by Robert Coppin, late citizen and Merchant-taylor of London, for the relief of the poor and the preaching of four sermons yearly.

Dunwich. 30 Oct.—The town seal to be affixed to a petition to Parliament against Robert Pake, of Dunwich, clerk, for and concerning divers abuses by him committed.

1643, 11 May.—Thomas Mayor, the elder, put out from being one of the Twelves, or Portmen, divers articles being exhibited and proved against him.

29 Aug.—[The regnal year of the King hitherto always inserted in the headings of the meetings is now omitted, a very significant change in three months' interval.]

Accounts for 1641 and 1642.—Payments. [Several times to Frenchmen taken by the Dunkirks.] 'To 2 Englishmen taken by the Turkes, 8*d.* To a Jarmyn scholler, 6*d.* Spent for Mr. Fayfax (?) when he preached, for wyne and fyer, 1*s.* For a proclamation for apprehending rustick soldiers, 1*s.* Peyd for a youthes supper that brought a warrant from Sir William Playter to search for Davied Oneale, and the youthes horsemeat and breakfast, 1*s.* To 2 Englishmen that came out of Ireland having lost their goods [on their taking?] the oath of supremacy (?), 1*s.*' [Preachers, Mr. Girling and Mr. Swayne. Relief to many Frenchmen and to many Irish people.]

1644, 1645.—Payments. [Preachers, Mr. Swayne, three times, Mr. Golding, Mr. Salby, twice, Mr. Cary on a fast day, Mr. Goldsmith on a lecture day and a sabbath day, Mr. Echard of Yoxford, twice, Mr. Driver.] 'Given a soldier that had bulletts in his leg, 5*d.* Given to a poore minister and his wife, 6*d.* Given a minister, his wife, and two children, 1*s.* Given a poore [man] spoyld by the King's forces, 8*d.* To 2 soldiers that were in the Parliament's servis, 6*d.* To a man that was rowted from Yorke, 3*d.* Given a plundered minister, 1*s.* 6*d.* To 2 men that came out of the armye, 6*d.* To watchmen upon a fast night, 1*s.* 3*d.* Given to watchmen that night the fyers were made at Southwould, 8*d.* Paid for 2 watchers, 6*d.* [and again]. Given to the townesmen upon a triumphing day, 2*s.*'

1645, 1646.—Accounts. [Preachers, Mr. Younger, Mr. Leverton.] Given a minister that came out of Ireland, 1*s.*

22 Sept., 1645.—Robert Brewster, esq., elected Burgess in Parliament in the place of Henry Cooke, esq., now made incapable.

1646.—Accounts. [Preacher, Mr. Priner; Mr. Driver, three times.] 'To a blind minister and his wife, 1*s.* 6*d.* Spent with a minister that came about the soldyers, 1*s.* Given to 2 men taken by a man of war, 1*s.* To 6 Frenchmen, 1*s.* 6*d.* To an old man that cam to search the records, 6*d.*'

1650.—Accounts. 'For two dores and hengeles for the house in the churchyard, 8*s.* 8*d.* [Much other work done to it.] To 5 taken men, 1*s.* 2*d.* [and again, 1*s.* 6*d.*, and often afterwards]. For a menisters wife plondered in Irland, 1*s.* To another menisters wife and 3 or 4 maids that lost all in Ireland, 1*s.* 4*d.* To 6 pore men women and cheldren, 1*s.* To 6 Frenchmen taken, 2*s.* To 6 or 7 pore English cam from

Irland, 1s. To 7 or 8 Frenchmen, 1s. To 5 Irish women, 8*d.* *Dunwich.* [and often]. Horse and man going to Halsworth 6 or 7 times concerning menesters, 10*s.*'

[Preachers, Mr. S. Leng [Girling?] twice, Mr. Driver, Mr. Barowes, two Mr. Mannings.]

From 1645 to 1653 entries are made very roughly and irregularly, without regard to sequence of time, and in bad handwriting. The last entry of meetings in 1653 is written on the reverse of a leaf otherwise blank, at the end.

Vol. III. Folio, in a vellum wrapper [which appears to have been given in 1885 by F. H. Vertue] containing the proceedings at Assembly meetings from 1654 to 1673. The register occupies fifty-two leaves, and follows upon copies of the arguments of Mr. Littleton and John Selden at conferences of the Commons with the House of Lords [in April, 1628,] 'touching the libertie of the person of everie free man.' The first two leaves are fragments of the conclusion of another argument [that of Sir Dudley Digges?] marked at the close 'Ex[aminatur] per Jo. M.'

Upon these arguments follow, i. a copy of the Grand Remonstrance. ii. Address of the Lords and Commons to the King, on occasion of the appointment of a public fast, concerning matters of religion, with his answer. iii. On the subjects' proprietary right in their goods, without tax save by their own consent in Parliament, with notes of Sir Edw. Cooke's argument 26 March, 1628.

Up to the year 1661 the minutes of meetings are of the briefest kind, recording only admissions of freemen and barest occasional summaries of accounts.

[1659,] 3 Jan.—Robert Bruster, esq., and John Barengton, esq., elected Burgesses in Parliament.

1656–7,—Accounts of Thomas Toacklove, bailiff. 'Spent with Mr. Wenkap when he preched here the 7th of March, 1*s.* Paid to pore travelers that yere, 1*l.* 3*s.* 3*d.*'

1660, 4 April.—John Rouse, esq., and Henry Bedingfeld, esq., elected Burgesses in Parliament.

27 Nov.—A messenger to go to London about the fee-farm.

Accounts. 'Paid when Mr. Wencox preched the quarterly sermon here, for his dener, wine and bere, 3*s.* 8*d.* Spent at John Battel's the Coronation day, 1*l.* 3*s.* 0*d.* Spent with Mr. Lupton the menister, 1*s.* 9*d.* Geven to the pore of the towne 1*l.* Geven to pore travelers and shepbroken men, 2*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* For the menister's diet at my house, 2*l.*'

[1661,] 7 Jan.—Agreed to present a petition to the King forthwith concerning the fee-farm.

[1661,] 4 March.—Bond from John Backler, alehouse-keeper, that he will not kill any kind of flesh nor suffer any to be made ready all this Lent.

1663, 8 June.—'It was agreed that the Towne hall should be taken downe and sett up agayne at the plase where Francis Reder now dwell, and likewise it was put out to Will. Alen,

Dunwich. sener, mason, for to do the mason's worke at 1*l.* 6*s.* per the yard, a yard depe and a yard lenth and two foot thick, and for Thomas Perce to take downe the jayle and to sett it up agayne in the place where Reder dwell, and Perce to take down the house where Reder dwell, the house to be 34 foot, and to fenish it as it ought to be for the sum of 14*l.*'

[1669,] 26 Feb.—Martha Wilkinson of Colchester admitted to the freedom of this Corporation, paying a yearly fine of 5*s.* [The yearly fine for men was usually 2*s.* 6*d.*]

1671, 13 April.—Anne Basse, of Woodbridge, was admitted a free woman, with a yearly fine of 3*s.*

[1672,] 10 March.—Sir Henry Felton, bart., deputy admiral of the Duke of York of this county, admitted a freeman.

Vol. IV.—Large folio, bound in black calf, containing 86 leaves; 1676–1695.

1677, 5 Sept.—Agreed that the lead of the Cross shall be sold and the Cross also, and the money be employed for the building of so many butchers' shops and other shops as shall be convenient for a supply for the market. [This order has been entered at random among the entries of 1678.]*

2 Nov.—Agreed that the Bailiffs shall sell the lead of the Market Cross to those that will give most for it, in six days' time; and that a man shall be sent up to London to solicit the Burgess and other friends to make interest with the Queen's Council and other persons concerned to take off the danger threatened us for the arrearages of the fee-farm rent.

9 Nov.—Ordered that, as at the last Assembly several freemen obstructed business and made reflections upon several persons that would have acted for the good of the town, no freemen for the time to come shall be summoned to appear or suffered to appear but the Twelves and the Chamberlains and the Sergeants of the Mace, except at the elections of Bailiffs and Burgesses, and the making of freemen. An entry follows of the disfranchising of John Bancks, which is crossed out as having been reversed by authority of an Assembly held on the following 24 Jan.

Ordered that there shall be but five shillings spent at a Court of Pleas, and but five shillings allowed for the Recorder's and Attorney's dinners.

23 Nov.—A paper with this date, as follows, may seem to reveal one of the ways in which some of the town records have been lost. [But see also under 20 Jan. 1692, and 11 Oct. 1720.]

'Received of Mr. John Benefic these writings following belonging to the towne of Dunwich, which I promise to restore.

1. The Charter of King John, dated the 10th of his reigne.

2. An Inquisition taken the 8th of Henry the Eighth concerning the decay and losses of the towne.

* No butchers' shops or other shops but one small one are to be found in the village now!

3. A grant of Charles the Second to the towne, remitting *Dunwich.*
the fee farme rent of 12*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.* to 5*s.* *per an.*, dated the 5 of
Jan., 13 Car. 2*d.*

4. Aquittances for the said rent of 5*s.* *per an.* in the years
1675, 1676, 1677.

5. A lease of certain lands in Dunwich made to Mr. Richard
Cook, att the rent of 15*s.* *per an.*, dated 30th of July,
14 Car. 2*nd.* Jo. PETRUS.

1679, 12 Sept.—Sir Robert Kemp, bart., and Sir Philip
Skippon, knt., elected Burgesses in Parliament. [Re-elected
23 Feb., 1680, 'by about 203 burgesses.']

1680, 14 May.—Mr. Samuel Pacey ['Paceij'] of Laistoffe
[Lowestoft.] 'called off his Aldermanship or Twelveship' for
refusing to receive the Sacrament or take the oaths.

13 Sept.—William Betts of Yoxford chosen Town Clerk.
Many elections at this Assembly to places voided by the holders
not having taken the oaths under the Corporation Act.

1681, 12 July.—Robert Swattman 'called off his Twelveship
or Aldermanship' and also disfranchised for calling the Bailiffs
knaves and fools, with other evil and reviling language, and
also for reviling Mr. Thomas Perse, one of the Justices of the
Peace. Re-admitted upon his submission on 26 Aug., and
chosen into the Twenty-four.

1683, 21 July.—Address of congratulation to the King
'on the happy discovery of the late damnable and traitorous
conspiracy' [the Rye House plot]. On 11 Aug. Sir Rob. Kemp
attends, and reports that he, accompanied by Hon. Roger
North and Sir Rich. Haddock, knt., presented the address
to the King on 30 July, and that he very graciously
received it.

24 Sept.—Jeremiah Burlingham vacates his office of Bailiff
by his not having received the Sacrament within a year.
Re-elected 26 March, 1685.

1684, 8 May.—Agreed that a legal defence shall be made
against the *Quo Warranto* by the Attorney General brought
against our Charter, and that an order under the common seal
be sent to Mr. William Weekely in London to appear for it
in the Crown Office.

21 May.—Summary of accounts presented by John Benefice.
Total receipts 64*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*; disbursements 118*l.* 2*s.* 1*d.*; lands
at Westleton to be mortgaged to him for repayment of the
excess of 53*l.* 9*s.* 7*d.*

Surrender to the King of all the property, Charters, &c., of
the Corporation.

23 Oct.—A brass gun having been sold by the Corporation
for 50*l.*, it is claimed by Lord Dartmouth, the King's Master
Gunner.

[1685,] 18 Feb.—Address to James II on his accession, and
of condolence on his brother's death, 'of whose excellencies
the world was no longer worthy.' To be presented by
Mr. Roger North.

Dunwich. 26 March.—The new Charter from James II received, of which the heads are given. John Battell, who was constituted an Alderman by the new Charter, refused to take the Sacrament or the oaths, and John Benefice was chosen in his place.

28 March.—The Hon. Roger North and Thomas Knyvett, esq., elected Burgesses in Parliament, at a Grand Assembly. After election they declared they would serve the borough without any wage for their service.

2 Nov.—Orders for application to the King and Queen Dowager for remittance of all arrears of rent, in consideration of the poor, distressed and miserable condition of the town, and to get the same settled at such an annual sum as they may be graciously pleased to vouchsafe. And also for an appearance in the Court of Exchequer to a *Scire facias* brought for the said arrears.

1687, 24 Aug.—James Gibbons vacates his place as Alderman by refusal to take the oath.

1688, 26 June.—Mandate received from the King dated 15 June, under the power reserved in the new Charter, for the removal from office of Sir John Rouse, Bailiff and Alderman, Sir Robert Kemp, Recorder and Alderman, Sir Charles Bloyse and Sir Thomas Knyvett, Aldermen, and nominating in their places John Archer, Thomas Freer, Sir John Duke, bart, and Sir Robert Rich, bart., and dispensing with their taking any oaths but the usual one for execution of their office. The mandate is thereupon put in execution.

8 Aug.—Similar mandates of 6 and 7 July removing Thomas Lemon, Lyonel Holt, Jeremiah Burlingham, and William Witherbie from being Aldermen, and appointing Thomas Postle, John Knowles, John Aldred, and John Fellow, in their stead.

17 Dec.—All these removals and appointments cancelled by an order in Council of 28 Nov.

29 Dec.—Writ for a new Parliament.

[1689,] 16 Jan.—Hon. Roger North and Sir Thomas Allen, bart., were elected for Parliament by 'the majority of free burgesses inhabiting within this Corporation,' but at the same Assembly there were likewise elected 'by the freemen who live out of the burrough and never were inhabitants there,' Sir Philip Skippon, knt., a freeman, and Sir Robert Rich, bart., who is no freeman. [He is admitted freeman 7 Feb.] The two latter are declared to be duly elected on 11 March, 1689.

1691, 6 Nov.—The majority of the freemen resident in the borough choose John Bence, esq., to be burgess in Parliament in the room of Sir Philip Skippon, deceased, and the majority of those living outside and divers within choose Henry Heveningham, esq.; the Bailiffs return them both.

[1692,] 20 Jan.—Ordered that William Betts, the Town Clerk, bring an action of conversion against Mr. John Benifice

and Mr. Whitaker for the Charter of this Corporation and *Dunwich*. four Assembly Books which they or one of them have in their custody, and that he receive and bring them if they will be delivered.

13 April.—John Benefice, alderman and deputy bailiff, is deprived of his aldermanship and disfranchised for various grave offences. He has refused to bring in his accounts, has taken away the Common Seal and sealed various blank papers of admission to freedom which he has left with others to dispose of in various places, and has exposed them for sale in fairs and markets, has made false entries of admissions in the Register when the persons said to be admitted were not present, and has carried up to London the Charter and books with reference to the Parliamentary election without being authorized so to do.

30 May.—Samuel Pasy, esq., removed from the office of Bailiff for neglect of duty as a magistrate and non-attendance at Assemblies.

1693, 25 Aug.—At the request of the reverend father in God John, Lord Bishop of this diocese, his brother John [*sic*] Moore, of Stamford in the county of Lincoln, ironmonger, was made free of this Corporation.

18 Oct.—A petition to be drawn and sealed to desire their Majesties that no process may issue against this burrough on account of the present Charter.

1694, 24 Aug.—Sir Robert Kemp, bart., removed from the offices of Recorder and Alderman for refusing to assist the Bailiffs in the holding sessions, and for neglecting to attend an Assembly when summoned.

29 Aug.—Henry North, esq., was duly sworn Recorder.

William Wethersby removed from his aldermanship for absolutely refusing to attend when summoned.

29 Sept.—John Archer and Samuel Pacey removed from their aldermanships for like reason.

1695, 29 Oct.—Four candidates at an election for Parliament, Sir Robert Rich, bart., Roger Wood, esq., John Bence, esq., and Henry Heveningham, esq. Twenty-five freemen voted for Wood and Bence and thirteen for Rich and Heveningham. The names of the voters are entered. Previously to the election the Bailiffs, Aldermen, and the 25 freemen openly made protestation against any other Corporation or Charter than what the Bailiffs and Aldermen acted under; and against all proceedings by any other party on such pretence.

Vol. V.—Large thick folio, bound in dark calf; 1694–1790.

The Register begins with various entries of meetings very fully attended from 12 May, 1694, to 26 Oct., 1695, within the period recorded at the end of the preceding volume, including attendance of persons who in the last volume are mentioned as being removed from office. It is clear, therefore, that (as at Aldeburgh from 1693 to 1700) there was a schism in the

Dunwich. Corporation, and a double Register was kept. Apparently rival parties claimed to act under different charters, including that of James II, and the differences were, it may be, composed by the new Charter in 1698.

1695, 29 Aug.—William Betts, gent., removed from the office of Town Clerk because he has refused upon request made to him to appear and do his duty as Town Clerk; Edmond Foster, gent., is chosen in his place.

29 Oct.—Sir Robert Rich and Henry Heveningham, esq., are unanimously elected for Parliament [being the two candidates rejected in the preceding Register].

1697, 2 Dec.—Address to K. William III upon the happy occasion of his safe return and the honourable peace procured by his arms.

1698, 2 Feb.—The Charter granted by the King and 'the late Queen Mary of blessed memory' was brought by Samuel Pacy, esq., and delivered to be locked up and secured.

9 July.—William Cooke restored to his freedom by a *mandamus*.

20 July.—Sir Rob. Rich and H. Heveningham re-elected for Parliament at a Grand Assembly, at which the names of all the freemen are entered in full. Voters for Rich 153, Heveningham 152, Sir Henry Johnson, knt., 82, and John Nicholson 76.

[1700,] 29 Jan.—Sir Charles Blois of Yoxford unanimously elected for Parliament in the room of Sir Robert Rich, deceased.

[1701,] 10 Jan.—Sir Charles Blois and Robert Kemp, esq., unanimously elected for Parliament. [100 persons entered as present.] Re-elected 1 Dec., 1701, and on 25 July, 1702.

12 April.—William Betts restored to his office as Town Clerk by *mandamus* from the King's Bench.

1 Dec.—Address to K. William III on the 'unparalleled affront' offered by the French King 'in causing the pretended Prince of Wales to be proclaimed King.'

[1702,] 20 March. Address to Q. Anne on her accession.

1703, 20 Aug.—Fifty-nine freemen admitted from various places in Norfolk and Suffolk.

28 Aug.—Return by John Skoulding, collector of Corporation dues, of answers by outsiders, chiefly refusals, to his application for the annual fee of 2s. 6d.

29 Sept.—Seventeen persons disfranchised for non-payment.

29 Oct.—Forty-nine more persons disfranchised.

1704, 29 Sept.—Five more disfranchised, including Sir John Playter, bart.

27 Oct.—Address to Q. Anne on the victories against France and Bavaria.

1705, 12 May.—Sir Charles Blois, bart, and John Rous, esq., elected for Parliament.

1706, 29 Aug.—Address to Q. Anne on the victories at Höchstet, Ramilies, &c.—God hath made choice of your Majesty above all the Sovereigns and Princes of the earth

as only fitt to be trusted with the greatest power, that you *Dunwich.* might become the sole arbiter of the world as well as be the delight of your owne subjects.'

1707, 29 Aug.—Ordered that the Chamberlains wait upon every freeman to ask their contribution towards building a Town Hall, the present Hall being in great decay.

29 Sept.—Five more persons disfranchised for non-payment and three on 17 Oct.

1708, 19 April.—An address to be sent to the Queene on the attempt by James Edward (styling himself James III) to invade England and Ireland. (Inserted at the end of the volume.)

7 May.—Sir Charles Blois and Robert Kemp, esq., elected for Parliament.*

29 Sept.—John Battellee, *al.* Battele, fined five marks for refusing to take the office of Coroner, but on 29 Dec. he accepts it and is admitted.

29 Dec.—Robert Davy, esq., chosen Recorder in the place of Thomas Betts, esq., now beyond sea in the island of Jamaica.

1709, 6 May.—Lieut. Gen. Daniel Harvey [M.P. for the borough] admitted a freeman. [His election for Parliament is not recorded.]

16 May.—Sir Richard Alling [Allen], bart., [the other Burgess, whose election also is not recorded] admitted.

14 Nov.—Address to Q. Anne on the victory at Mons.

1710, 29 April.—John Seyliard elected Town Clerk in the place of William Betts, deceased.

29 Aug.—Dispute between the two Bailiffs as to the election of the Town Clerk, and the admission of foreigners as freemen without due election.

7 Oct.—Election for Parliament; candidates, George Downing, esq., Richard Richardson, esq., Sir Richard Allin, Daniel Harvey, esq. The two former elected by a very large majority, the votes for the others being only 12 each.

1712, 28 June.—Address to Q. Anne on the approaching treaty of peace.

1713, 6 June.—Address to her on the conclusion of the treaty.

3 Sept.—Sir Robert Kemp, bart., and Sir George Downing, bart., elected for Parliament.

1714, 29 Sept.—William Collett, esq., Bailiff in 1712–3, being summoned to give account of the fees received by him for freemen, answered that he was not now ready to pass his account, but would do it at some other convenient time.

[1715,] 1 Feb.—Sir Robert Rich and Charles Long, esq., elected for Parliament, only one vote, that of Robert Swatman, being given for two other candidates, Sir George Downing and Sir Robert Kemp, the former members.

* There is a curious paper respecting this disputed election, being part of a brief for counsel, with particulars of alleged bribery and treating. A witness deposed to having partaken of 'a pail' of beer and a bowl of punch without paying for it.

Dunwich. 2 Dec.—Robert Swatman discharged from being an Alderman for contempt in not appearing to answer to matters objected to him, and for divers other evil practices, prejudicial to the fundamental constitution of this Corporation. [Discharged from being a freeman, 4 May, 1716.] An address voted to K. George I.

1716, 2 Jan.—At a meeting held at the house of John Battely, sen., the Town House by the force of the sea being dangerous to enter into, it is agreed that the said House be plucked down and removed to the place that shall afterwards be judged most necessary.

4 May.—Thomas Betts, esq., appointed Recorder in the place of Robert Davy, discharged.

8 Aug.—108 persons, including the Earl of Dysert, disfranchised. In this year the two Bailiffs both sign by marks.

1720, 20 Sept.—Ordered that the books, charters and all evidences relating to the rights and liberties of this Corporation be kept and locked up in a Town Chest now in the possession of the present Bailiffs, and be so continued from year to year, each Bailiff to have a key and to deliver the same to their successors.

11 Oct.—John Dawson, of Saxmundham, gent., the present Town Clerk, discharged from office on account of his non-residence and of his keeping sundry books of Assembly and other papers at Saxmundham and other places remote from the borough. John Shipston, gent., an inhabitant of Dunwich, appointed in his place, who is to demand of Dawson all the deeds and writings, and to pay him his salary when they are delivered. No person in future to hold the office except an inhabitant, unless all the inhabitants shall have refused.

1721, 18 July.—Twenty-four freemen disfranchised, including the Earl of Rochford, apparently as being non-residents, two more being removed on 29 Nov., 1722, on that ground by votes of 26 to 1 and 2, and two on 29 Aug., 1728, &c.

[1722,] 23 March.—Sir George Downing, bart., and Edward Vernon, esq., elected for Parliament, 31 votes being given for the former and 32 for the latter, against 7 for Sir R. Rich and 8 for Charles Long, esq.

7 Dec.—Sir John Ward, knt., elected for Parliament in the place of Edw. Vernon elected also for Penrhyn, by 28 votes against 7 for Charles Long and one for Daniel Harvey.

1726, 4 April.—John Sambrooke, of London, esq., unanimously elected for Parliament in the room of Sir John Ward, deceased.

1727, 18 Aug.—Sir G. Downing and Thomas Wyndham, esq., elected by 23 votes each, against 4 each for William Branthwaite, serj.-at-law and Joseph Banks, esq.

1733, 28 Aug.—John Say disfranchised for not being resident and for refusing to give an account of several sums of money he has in his hands for wreck of the sea which he sold when he was Bailiff [in 1727].

1734, 29 Aug.—A freeman's son claims to be admitted by a *Dunwich*. Bailiff at 16 years of age. It is agreed that all such claims shall be null and void in future.

Resolved that the custom sometimes used by Bailiffs, upon the first time of their being in office, as a right belonging to their office, of making a freeman is against the rights and privileges and Charter of the borough.

1747.—Sir George Downing and Miles Barne, esq., elected for Parliament. Before the election the Act of Parliament of 2 Geo. II for preventing bribery and corruption in elections was read.

1750.—John Marriott, esq., disfranchised, and also discharged from being Town Clerk, as being no inhabitant.

Thomas Barnardiston, serj.-at-law, who had been elected Recorder in 1737, removed from office.

1751.—Francis Swatman resigns his office as Master of the House of God called Masondieu. He also resigns the Mastership of the Poor House or Hospital [of St. James], to which Sir Jacob Garrard Downing, bart., is elected for one year.

1758.—At the election of Alexander Forrester, esq., for Parliament in Dec., in the room of Soane Jenyns, who had accepted the Chiltern Hundreds, the polling hours are for the first time mentioned, viz., 'between the hours of ten and twelve.'

1764, 23 April.—Mr. John Paine, the Town Clerk, being thought incapable of executing his office owing to age and infirmities, is ordered immediately to deliver the Town Seal and Escutcheon, and all the books and papers relating to the Corporation, into the custody of one of the Bailiffs, to be produced when legally required.

The Maison Dieu lands, the Hospital lands and the Corporation and Town lands, leased to Sir Joshua Van Neck, bart., and Miles Barne, esq., for 99 years, upon considerations to be adjudged by two persons to be chosen by the Bailiffs and the lessees severally.

1769.—Ordered that the Bailiffs, together with the Master of the Hospital, shall grant to Gerard William Van Neck, esq., and Miles Barne, esq., 'all that piece of land being part of the Hospital lands of St. James's Church containing one rood and twenty-four perches, abutting on their land' for a term of 99 years.

1781.—Ordered that the Bailiff shall pay to the county two guineas annually, the Corporation being informed that upon such payment the Bailiff would be able to commit their prisoners to the Bridewell of Beccles.

1782, 14 Dec.—"At this Assembly a letter from C. Wyvill, Chairman of the Committee of Association for the county of York, dated the 31st day of October last, was produced, and it appearing to this Assembly that every innovation of the Constitution may be dangerous, resolved that no answer be given to the said letter."*

* The County associations were petitioning for Parliamentary Reform.

Dunwich. "At this Assembly a letter from Will. Middleton, esq., Sheriff of Suffolk, dated 10 Sept. last, was also produced, respecting the resolution of this county for building a man of war of 74 guns for the use of the public, but it appearing that the carrying of such plan into execution by this county only without an adoption of the same plan by many other counties in this Kingdom would be of very small benefit to the public, it was resolved that this Burgh do not subscribe to the said undertaking, and therefore no answer is necessary to be given to the said letter."

This entry refers to a letter, of which the original is preserved, from Mr. Thomas Middleton, of Crowfield, dated 10 Sept., communicating a resolution adopted at a meeting at Stowmarket on 5 Aug. for raising a subscription in the county of Suffolk for the building a ship of 74 guns for the service of the nation. "Mr. Fitzherbert, who is now at Paris negotiating a peace, writes word that nothing but a decisive victory at sea could have had so striking an effect on that Court as the resolves of this and other counties to build ships of war by voluntary contributions for the public service."*

At the end of this volume, reversed, are some notes of accounts, 5 Nov. 1703—1721, and two pages containing Assembly meetings, of which one, dated 19 April 1708, is noticed in its chronological order, *supra*.

Vol. VI.—Folio, bound in rough calf, partially paged and indexed, 1790—1865.—This volume contains little besides the appointments of officers and the returns of unopposed elections for Parliament.

1799, 29 Sept.—A part of the Dry Common, containing about sixty acres, ordered to be enclosed; but on 7 Oct. the plan is relinquished.

Among the annual appointments of officers that of Ale-founder is found up to the year 1863, but not afterwards.

Vols. VII, VIII.—In quarto: from 11 Sept. 1829, to 29 Sept. 1846, and from 30 Aug. 1847, to 29 Sept. 1888.

1883, 29 Aug.—Ordered that steps be taken by the Town Clerk to petition the Queen that the Corporation of Dunwich may continue as such. Six members were present.

29 Sept.—Ordered that the petition for a new Charter should stand over for the present, and that the Town Clerk make enquiries as to what was being done at Orford and other Corporations in the second schedule of the Act, and to apply to the Privy Council for information. Seven members present.

1886, 30 Aug.—Application to be made to the Charity Commissioners for a scheme dealing with the Corporation

* The county of Suffolk set an example in this patriotic movement which was followed by other counties, and in a short time a sum of over 200,000*l.* was raised.

property, the Corporation having ceased to exist. Six *Dunwich* members present.

1888, 29 Sept.—The Corporation accounts were examined and passed. Three members present. This is the final entry.

A folio volume of the *Chamberlain's Accounts* extends from 1819 to 1849.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
1835, 30 June. Old Blormfield 15 days mowing thistles on the Marsh at 15 <i>d.</i> per day	0	18	9
1836, 14 June.—To the Corporation part of the emigration of paupers from Dunwich to America	11	16	8
1838, 28 June.—To dinners and beer to all the poor people in Dunwich the Queen's Coronation day	16	18	10
1840.—Dinners, beer, porter, wine, &c., the Queen's marriage	18	8	10
1842, 13 Oct.—To 2 locks [<i>padlocks</i> ?] for the Town Chest	0	14	9

In a folio volume there are a few, stamped, admissions of freemen in 1720 and 1747–88.

Two folio volumes contain the Declarations on taking office, in 1829–1845, and 1845–1862.

ST. JAMES' HOSPITAL.

Eleven tattered leaves of Accounts of the Hospital of St. James for the years 1633–7.

Payments.

1633, 24 July.—“Payd to the preacher, 3*s.* Given to the preacher a quart of wyne, 1*s.* Payd for building of bothes [*booths*], 1*s.* 8*d.* Payd for bread and bere at the taking in and out the stall gare at the fayer [*lost*]. The Masters fees, 1*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.* Payd Mr. Pearce for the ofringes, 1*s.* 6*d.*

1634, 30 March.—‘Payd for bread and wyne for there Communion, 1*s.* 7*d.*’

4 April.—‘Payd for ther offringes, 1*s.* 8*d.*’

5 July.—‘Payd for bread and beere at the haveing in there hay, 3*s.*’

23 July.—‘Payd for bread and beare at setteing the stole-gare and building the stoales [*stalls*], 1*s.* 2*d.*’

27 July.—‘Payd the six parts [*see below*] for fayredge, 9*s.* Spent amongst them, 4*d.* Payd to the preacher, 3*s.* 4*d.* for one quarte of wyne, 1*s.* Payd for carrieing in the stall gare, 3*s.* 4*d.* For bread and beare at haveing it in, 1*s.*’

30 Oct.—‘Allowed to Rushe towards his charges of his absolution, 4*s.*’

5 Dec.—‘For bread and beere at the takeing the stall gare out of the Church, 1*s.* 6*d.*’

Dunwich. 22^d Dec.—‘Payd to a workeman for triming the Church windowes, 2s. 6d.’

1635, 16 April.—‘Given them in bread and beare at the removing ther stall gare, 8d. 18 April, payd for bread and beare [*sic*]* at there Communion, 1s. 1d. For ther ofringes, 2s. 2d.’

25 July.—‘To Mr. Pearce for preachinge, 3s. 4d. For mending there Communion table, 6d.’ [The ‘stalgarre’ is carried in as before.]

An entry of payments of ‘the six parts,’ amounting to three shillings, occurs about every fortnight; at the end of 1636 it becomes ‘6 parts $\frac{1}{2}$.’ No explanation can be gathered from these few fragmentary leaves, but it may be conjectured that if there were six alms-people in the Hospital, the entry may represent the periodical allowance paid to them. The generality of items refer to repairs and to agricultural work upon the land of the Hospital.

Receipts.

The receipts are chiefly from the rent of lands. On 30 Sept. 1633 eight shillings are paid by ‘Prissela’ Newson as half a year’s rent; 19 Oct. three pounds from William Payne of ‘Hininhām’ for half a year’s rent of ‘Spittell lands,’ which is the largest sum in the rental. ‘Received for booths and stalles in the fayer [*on St. James’ day*] 2l. 9s. 3d.’ The account for 1635 is thus subscribed: ‘Taken and allowed by the Pore in the presents of Mr. Tokleve and Aslock Andersone, Baleffs, and Mr. Robson, Mr. Sprate, and Anthony Carye this 15 day of August, 1635.’ At the end of 1636, ‘The receipts lese then payments, 13l. 5s. 8d.’ On 4 April, 1637, the Bailiffs, Thomas Mayor and William Robson certify that 12l. 5s. 10d. remain due to Robert Harper [the accountant] and this note follows: ‘The same time it was agreed by the bretheren and sisters that there is due unto them from Tho. Mayor the younger for certeine lands he houldeth of them the some of xlixs. vjd. at the feast of our Lady last past, 1637’: *added by another hand*, ‘and payment hereof promised by Mr. Thomas Mayor thelder’; *and below*, ‘xth of November, 1637. M[emoran]d. There is one whole yeares rent due from Tho. Mayor the younger at St. Michael the Arkangell last past the some of xxxiiij s.’

The insignia of the Corporation are in the Record Chest They are these :—

1. Silver mace, 11 inches long; weight, $11\frac{1}{2}$ (or $11\frac{3}{4}$) oz. There is no hall-mark, but probably it dates from the 17th century. On the base is a shield bearing a three-masted ship

* Evidently a scribe’s error from his having written the word *beare* in the preceding line.

with three fishes swimming below, impaled with the royal arms of England, quarterly 1 and 4 (*sic*, not 2 and 3), three leopards, 2 and 3 three fleurs-de-lis. On the top is the ship with a crowned figure sitting. *Dunwich.*

2. Silver escutcheon, bearing the Town arms; a three-masted vessel, with flag; a figure sitting in the ship, apparently helmeted and beckoning with an upraised hand; in the upper corners of the plate, the sun and moon; in the sea, four fishes.

3. Silver seal; crowned figure in a boat, a star on either side, and the sun and moon above. Inscr., 'Sigillum Ballivorum de Doneswico.'

4. The same seal in brass, with the inscription 'Sigillum Admiralitatis Doneswico' (*sic*). For this "new Admiralty seal" three guineas were paid to — Woolner in 1830.

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THE RECORDS

OF

SOUTHWOLD. SUFFOLK.

The records of the Corporation of this town, once of some importance among the fishing-towns of the East Coast, are unfortunately but scanty. In 1659, on 25 April, a fire destroyed, it is said, some 238 houses, and amongst them the Town Hall, when all the early documents were consumed*; with one exception. This one is a small parchment slip containing an order, in French, from Thomas [Plantagenet], son of Edw. I., Earl of Norfolk and Marshal of England, to Nicholas Bonde, the steward of his lands in Suffolk, dated at Framlingham under his privy seal (now lost), 24 March, 'l'an quart.' Complaint having been made that cattle belonging to various poor men have been stolen out of his park at Kelishale, the Earl orders that enquiry be made at the next Court as to the default of the park-keepers, and, when ascertained, that distress be levied and safely kept for the relief of the said poor people. The date of this writ is 1330, 4 Edw. III.†

CHARTERS.

Of the various old Charters granted to the town there are now only copies in existence, as contained in a Confirmation and Exemplification granted by K. William and Q. Mary, 23 Jan. *an.* 1 (16²²/₉). This begins with, i., Confirmation by Charles I. 8 May, *an.* 10 (1634), of ii. James I., 14 May, *an.* 2 (1604); iii. Elizabeth, 12 June, *an.* 1 (1559); iv. Edward VI., 22 June, *an.* 1 (1547); v. Henry VIII., 1 March, *an.* 1 (1510), reciting the original Charter of Henry VII., 12 July, *an.* 20 (1505), which was granted in pursuance of an Act of Parliament made in Jan., 1490, in reference to disputes between the men of Dunwich, as a corporate town, and those of Southwold, then not corporate. By the Charter of Henry VII. the manor of Southwold was granted incorporation, with the

* A like fate befell the early records of the town of Lowestoft. There, as I am informed by the Town Clerk, Mr. Nicholson, all the ancient documents were destroyed in a fire at the rectory house in the seventeenth century.

† In the printed catalogue mentioned *infra* this is described as 'a very ancient document, apparently a writ from an Earl of Norfolk.'

usual franchises and privileges of corporations, as well as a Court of Admiralty exempt from the jurisdiction of the Admiralty of the realm. *Southwold, Suffolk.*

There is also a fresh Charter of incorporation granted by James II., 5 Feb., *an.* 1 (1686) in pursuance of his scheme for re-modelling the government of all corporate towns. In this no reference is made to any preceding grant.

RECORDS.

These begin with a folio book, in a parchment cover, marked 'B. Dole and Common Book.' This contains miscellaneous entries of accounts, charities, debts, regulations for the common and marshes, and occasional minutes of the Court of Admiralty of Southwold and of Assembly meetings; 1658—1824. Doles called Bryant's, Watters' and Wrongery's doles, were distributed yearly at Christmas in sums varying from two shillings to sixpence, and a sum of 2*l.* 10*s.* received 5 Aug., 1715, for Mrs. Wake's being buried in linen was similarly disposed of. At an Assembly meeting on 26 April, 1749, it was 'agreed that a petition be drawn and laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty or Commissioners of the Navy to hinder the Dutch skutes from fishing so near the shore of Southwold.' Several leaves are wanting at the beginning of the volume, where there is a memorandum inserted by Dr. F. H. Vertue in 1887, that, finding it with the covers nearly off and many leaves loose, thumbed and dog-eared, he had taken some pains to repair it. It was used by Thomas Gardner, the historian of Dunwich.

In a series of parchment rolls, now preserved in three tin cases, are copies of Ordinances made at Assembly meetings from the time of Henry VIII to 1688. In the earliest of these the date of the first meeting entered is omitted, but it is conjecturally assigned to 1513. It contains regulations respecting shipping going to Iceland and the herring fishery. The letting of houses in the town to strangers is strictly forbidden. Copies are also entered of the orders at meetings on 26 Sept., 4 Eliz. (1562), 12 Sept., 5 Eliz. (1563), 15 March, (year omitted), 16 Sept., 6 Eliz. (1564), 31 Dec., 12 Eliz. (1569), 6 Dec., 18 Eliz. (1575), and 11 Dec., 1586.

The next, a long roll on two skins, is dated 6 Dec., 4 James I. (1606). Orders are made that (in accordance with a former ordinance) no one go to sea with spurling nets or lay lines upon Sunday before 12 o'clock, having been at divine service at the Church, upon pain to forfeit 5*l.*; and that no butcher have his shop window open or sell any flesh upon Sunday, upon pain of five shillings. Brewers must sell a wine-quart of beer or ale for a half-penny, upon pain of imprisonment, according to a former ordinance (16 Sept., 6 Eliz. where it is added 'if they have half a barrell of beere or ale in their howses'). No victualler or alehouse keeper to keep open house upon Sunday to serve any one except he be a

Southwold, Suffolk. traveller, and he only for a repast before service time, on pain for every householder of ten shillings and every other person twelve pence.

Orders, 6 Dec. (St. Nicholas' Day, the day of the annual meeting), and subsequent orders in 1626, chiefly regarding the pasturing of cattle.

Orders, 6 Dec., 1630.

Orders, 6 Dec., 1631, chiefly respecting fishing and building. An order that any one of the Twelve going to Church without his gown, or not keeping his own seat, shall forfeit twelve pence, and any of the Twenty-four going without a cloak shall forfeit twelve pence, is crossed out.

Orders, 6 Dec., 1668, a paper roll. Chiefly regarding the duties payable on all imports and exports, and the tolls. Signed by all the members of the Assembly.

Of the *Chamberlains' Accounts* there are few before the 18th century, and apparently none earlier than 1660. Those before 1700, and some of later date, are injured by damp, and partially tattered. The account for 1667, the year when the Dutch fleet sailed up the Thames and Medway, contains many entries of payments for work at the fort and at a trench, for shot, for keeping up a fire at the guard, &c. The spirit excited by danger is shown by payments being made for beer and tobacco to *voluntary* workmen at the fort. One pound was given on 21 Oct. 'to a minister that preyed' (*sic*). Relief was often given to poor travellers, and in 1677 an account is full of entries of this kind, largely to 'ship-broken' men. 'To the blind mans partnar to the man was w[h]ipped, 6*d*. To John Spink for wiping him, 4*d*. Given him to by a wip, 4*d*. To a lapar [*leper*] and a lam man, 1*s*. To 2 pore woman that war burnt, 1*s*. To a por minestar, 2*s*. 6*d*. To 3 Irish man travallars, 1*s*. 6*d*. For the boye that was wipt, in brad and ber, 2*d*. To a travelling man which was a gentillmane, 1*s*.'; and many other like entries.

Sessions Papers.

Four parcels extend from about 1670 to the reign of William IV. There is, however, very little of general interest in them, as they only consist of writs, pleas, and the like in ordinary trivial cases, with jury lists, and declarations in qualification for office. William Longwood, of Southwold, gentleman, is prosecuted as a seditious and turbulent person, endeavouring to excite rebellion, for saying on 17 Dec., 1689, to William Cockrane, one of the Bailiffs, 'You are now in the height of your majestie, and within six months you shall be brought down, for I know that the late King James will rule and reigne again in England in six months as well as ever he did, and that you shall see.' On 15 June, 1696, an address to William III. professing devoted allegiance, on account of the 'horrid and detestable conspiracy formed and carried on by Papists and other wicked and traitorous persons for

assassinating your Majesties royal person in order to incourage an invasion from France to subvert our religion, laws, and liberties,' is signed by James Postle, Jo. Benifice, John Dowsing and Bar. Russell. Several papers have the impression of a seal attached which is not now known to be in existence; it bears the Crown with two arrows, but not the figure of St. Edmund above as in the seal now in use, and also what is apparently a fish on each side. The legend is in all the instances broken, but it may possibly be 'Sigillum ballivorum de Svthwold.'*

*Southwold,
Suffolk.*

The records of the *Admiralty Court* from 1782 to 1833 (in which year the Court was abolished) are contained in two books. They are chiefly concerned with cases of waifs and wrecks.

A bond from Reighnould Heylock of Waynford, Suffolk, to Robert Julians of Easton Bavent, dated 24 Oct., 1658, is noticeable because it relates to a message and two pieces of land in Easton Bavent, a parish which is now almost entirely swallowed up by the sea.

The following is a copy of a letter from the Corporation [to the Board of Ordnance], in objection to an order for surrender of the town guns; dated 12 Feb., 1810.

'Honble. Sirs, Captain Tinling of the Royal Navy having communicated to us, the Magistrates of this Town, your commands of the 9th inst. that the guns and ammunition should be sent from hence to Yarmouth, we beg leave to observe thereupon that six of the guns are the property of this Corporation, and that the other two were sent in lieu of two others condemned as dangerous; we beg leave also to observe that when the Sea Fencibles were first embodied, the then commanding officer, Captain Welsh, in 1803 borrowed of the Corporation 9 barrels of gunpowder, ramrods, sponge, ladles, etc., and which have never been replaced, and which we beg may now be done as far as those articles may be in store here. We beg leave also to observe that some defence is necessary for this place, and the shipping in the Bay commonly called Sole Bay, as it has often already happened that these guns, man'd by the people of the town under direction of the magistrates, before sea fencibles were embodied, have driven off privateers, and saved many vessels from capture. We have the honor to be.'

A 'Catalogue of books and documents belonging to [the] Corporation of Southwold' was compiled by John Eustace Grubbe, mayor for twenty years, and was printed (occupying 33 folio pages) in 1871. This affords a very commendable

* T. Gardner in his *Historical Account of Dunwich and Southwold*, 1754, says (at p. 212) that a license for a 'place of religious worship' at the house of Henry Williamson [for an Independent congregation] was granted at the Sessions in June, 5 Will. iii., and that it is 'inter cartas de Southwold.' It is not now found among the Sessions papers, but may possibly be misplaced among other documents.

Southwold, Suffolk. instance of unusual care ; all the leases of the town-property are specified with their dates, with particulars of all the modern documents up to the time of its compilation.

The Corporation insignia consist of two silver maces, set in oaken stems ; the total length is 35 inches, of which the silver portion is 13 inches. On the older one, which has no hall-mark or maker's initials, and which may have been remade with obliteration of marks, there is a cup-shaped top with a beautifully chased rim of crosses alternating with an uncertain ornament (a fish ?), together with the old borough seal, viz., a crown transfix'd with two arrows, on either side of which there is a fish. The other mace has a plain top, with another form of the same seal, and is dated 1642. The Mayor has a gold chain, (purchased in 1895 by subscription) with fifteen shields charged with the borough arms, and a large badge bearing the same charge.

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THE MANUSCRIPTS

OF THE

CORPORATION OF THETFORD, NORFOLK.

Considering that Thetford was once the seat of the Bishops of East Anglia before the translation of the see to Norwich in the twelfth century, and afterwards was maintained in dignity and importance by the great Cluniac Priory, which was often visited by Henry VI. as well as earlier sovereigns, while the town itself was visited by Queen Elizabeth and her successor (whose house, completely modernized, is still called *The King's House*), one might expect to find in it a store of documents ranging through long periods. But unhappily this is not the case; with the important exception of a Cartulary of the Priory, there is nothing earlier than the reign of Elizabeth, except that in one volume there are copies of some monastic charters. And for the period of the Civil War and Commonwealth there is nothing whatever to be found. Nevertheless there is much of interest in what does still exist; and the student of municipal institutions and government, and of the general social life of the people, can always find in the records of provincial towns, of whatever period or whatever extent, much worth his noting.

Of the Royal Charters the only original one now in the possession of the Corporation is that of William and Mary, dated 18 Feb. *an.* 5. It is an exemplification of a charter granted by Queen Elizabeth, 12 March *an.* 16 [1574]. It occupies four skins of vellum, and is contained in a tin box; the great seal is broken.

A copy of Queen Elizabeth's charter is in the volume of transcripts described below, Art. xviii.

A large folio volume, bound in parchment, containing 360 numbered pages, besides others not numbered. It contains transcripts by various hands made in the 16th century, of numerous documents of various dates relating to the possessions of the Priory and other ecclesiastical foundations in Thetford, and to the transfers after they came into lay hands. A

Thetford, Norfolk. memorandum is prefixed by Mr. G. B. Burrell (who supplies a copious index of the contents) stating that it was once the property of the Dukes of Norfolk, and that being found in a house in Thetford, where it had lain concealed for many years, it was presented to him by the finder 22 Oct., 1810. He notes also that he had seen a very fair copy in the possession of John Wright, esq., of Kilverstone, Norfolk.

The following are the chief items calling for notice.

i. Ground-plot of the royal warren of Methold surveyed by Crown Commissioners in 1580, and walked over by them, with jurors, and ancient inhabitants of the several towns mentioned in the plot.

ii. 1549.—Copy of the grant by Edward VI. to Richard Fulmerston and William Fermer of the messuages and lands late in the tenure of Henry Earl of Surrey, attainted for high treason, in Croxton, formerly belonging to the free Chapel of St. Mary in Thetford in Bayley end. Other grants to Fulmerston, 1548, for the manors of Redstrete, Brundish, &c., pp. 13, 25.

iii. A plan of 'Bagots hogge heth and pasture grounds,' p. 1.

iv. Marriage articles between Thomas Clere, son of Charles Clere, and Anne Higham, daughter of Martha late wife of Thomas Higham, esq., 10 Aug., 1569, pp. 3, 346.

v. 'A briefe boundarye of the franchise of Thetford,' p. 4.

vi. Index, made *temp.* Eliz., p. 5.

vii. Indenture of sale by Henry Earl of Surrey to Richard Fulmerston of the manor of Elveden and of the possessions in Suffolk lately belonging to Rushworth College; 20 May, 1544, 36 Hen. VIII., p. 7.

viii. Agreement between Sir John Clere, knt., and Richard Fulmerston on marriage of Clere's son Edward and Fulmerston's daughter Frances; 16 Dec., 1554, p. 31.

ix. Other Fulmerston deeds with conveyances from the Duke of Norfolk and Duke of Somerset, pp. 36-68, 95-108, 111-3, 117-34, 137-176, 207, 213, 243-9, 285.

x. Grant by Henry VII. to the Abbey of Bury of the impropriation of the rectory of Elveden; 25 April, 1504, *an.* xix., p. 63.

xi. Possessions of the Priory of Thetford and charges thereon, pp. 64, 177-8.

xii. Grant by Hen. VIII. to Richard Fulmerston of the house and site of the Priory; 1 March, 1541, *an.* 32, p. 34; and of the house and site of the Nunnery, 20 March, 1539, *an.* 30, p. 79.

xiii. Grants from and concerning the Priory and deeds relating thereto, with lists of evidences; 1200-1538, pp. 66, 78, 83, 115-6, 179, 180, 193-9, 203-6, 231, 284, 325-43. Amongst these copies is the grant of the Priory and all its possessions to Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, by Henry VIII, 9 July *an.* 32 [1540] in exchange for the manors of Hard-

wick, Kencote, Norton Bruynes, Widford, and Cogges, *Thetford, Oxfordshire*. This grant is entered in the *Monasticon*, vol. V, p. 146, note *r*, where *Kemote* is printed for *Kencote*, and *Bonnes Norton* for *Norton Bruynes*. The Howards of Norfolk succeeded the Bigods and Mowbrays as the patrons of the Priory.

Computus of the bailiff, 1537, p. 210. Foundation charters, and confirmations, &c., pp. 221-30, 301-17.

xiv. Demesne lands of the Duke of Lancaster in Thetford, p. 98.

xv. Grant by Sara daughter of John de Suttherie to the brethren of the Hospital of St. Mary and St. Julian at the bridge of Thetford, p. 105.

xvi. Will of Isabel Galion, sometime wife of William Galion, esq., 8 May, 1472, p. 109.

xvii. Will of Richard Cutler of Thetford; 27 April, 1515, p. 112.

xviii. Charter of Q. Elizabeth, 12 March, 1574, *an.* xvi., p. 135.

xix. Grant to the College of St. John Evang. at Ruscheworth, 1391, p. 166.

xx. 'The tithe shooves pertaininge to the house of the Nunnes in Thetford,' p. 177.

xxi. Tithes of the prior of Buttle in Eylverson, 1270, p. 179.

xxii. Sale of lands to Edward Clere of Blickling, 20 Nov., 1585, p. 185.

xxiii. Decree of union of the Churches of the Holy Trinity and St. Cuthbert, 24 April, 1548, 2 Edw. VI. p. 187., and of the Churches of St. Nicholas and St. Peter; same date, p. 189.

xxiv. Lands that belonged to the Nunnery, p. 200.

xxv. Will of Sir Richard Fulmerston, 24 Jan., 1566-7, 9 Eliz., pp. 255-74. Documents relating thereto, pp. 275-84.

xxvi. Deeds, &c., relating to Sir John Clere, knt., and Edw. Clere, pp. 289-300, 345, 359.

xxvii. Notes of some ordinances made in the Courts at Thetford, 1485-1567, relating to fishing, highways, market, proceedings in courts, &c., pp. 317-8.

xxviii. Examinations of witnesses respecting rights of pasture, including that of John Vikar, priest sometime Prior of the late house of Canons, 1542, pp. 319-24.

xxix. Grant by Henry Earl of Lancaster to the Priory of the lands, &c., that belonged to the Hospital called the House of God; 4 July, 1348, p. 333.

xxx. Grant by Edward VI. to the city of Norwich of the house and site of the Hospital of St. Giles, 7 May, 1547, *an.* 1. pp. 347-53.

Inserted at the end of the volume are these plans:—

i. Plan of the pastures at Great Barton belonging to Sir J. Williamson's charity, by J. Parker, 20 May, 1777.

ii. Plan of lands at Farnham All Saints belonging to the poor of Thetford, by William Warren, 10 June, 1803.

Thetford, Norfolk. iii. Plan of Methwold Warren ; a duplicate of that at the beginning of the volume.

iv. A very careful plan of the road from Thetford to Watton, and of that to Swafham, by James Parker, jun., 1790.

v. Of various roads from and round Buckenham, by James Parker, 1787.

vi. From Thetford to Bury, by James Parker, jun., 1790.

vii. Of the property of James Mingay, esq., in the town of Thetford, by J. Parker, Oct., 1789 ; with orders of Justices, &c., for stopping up an old road and making a new one.

viii. Of roads from Watton to Brandon, &c., by Buckenham, by James Parker, 7 Dec., 1786.

ix. Of Mr. Henry Cocksedge's enclosed lands in Thetford, by William Warren, April, 1734, on vellum.

x. Terrier of the Chapel farm in Croxton belonging to the School, by John Parker, 1762 (*plan wanting*).

A small folio volume, of twenty-three leaves of vellum, written in the fifteenth century, bound in rough calf, contains a Register of grants to the Priory extending from 1311 to 1471. In 1705 it was in the possession of Peter Le Neve, Norroy, who has marked in the margin of all the documents 'Posted.' It came afterwards into the possession of John Ives, and thence to the Duke of Grafton, by whom it was given to the town 'by James Mingay, esq., Oct. 14, 1809.* Its contents follow :—

1. Licence in mortmain from K. Henry IV. to Hugh Stoppusleye, on payment of 45*l.*, to give to the Prior and Convent, a messuage, land, rent, free fold, and fishery, in Brethenham, Russheworth, Brigham and Thetford ; 8 May, *an.* 13 [1412], p. 1.

2. Letters patent for the same, on payment of 18 marks by the hand of John Leventhorp, 16 May, *ibid.* In the License the land is described as being 200 acres of land and 8 of meadow ; in the Patent as being 211 of land and 8 of meadow. See Martin's *History of Thetford*, 1779, p. 140, where the date-year is incorrectly given as 1411.

3. Grant from Hugh Stoppusleye of his messuage called Rodyngges ; at Brethenham f. of St. Aug. of Engl., [26 May] 13 Hen. IV. [1412], p. 2.

4. Grant from Henry de Rothyng of Brethenham to seven feoffees of all his messuages, lands, &c., in Brethenham, Briggam and Russheworth ; at Brethenham, Wedn. before f. of St. Andrew [28 Nov.] 49 Edw. III. [1375], p. 3.

5. Grant of the same property from three of the feoffees to Thomas Garden, rector of the church of Croxton, 8 June, 9 Rich. II. [1386], p. 4.

* Eight entries between 1411 and 1448 are given in Dugdale's *Monasticon*, V. 145, from this Register 'penes D. de Grafton.'

6. Grant from James de Brethenham to Thomas Garden, *Thetford, Norfolk.* clerk, of the fishery of Estffen in Schadewell, hamlet of Russheworth; Monday before f. of the Ascension [24 May], 1 Hen. IV. [1400], *ibid.*

7. Grant from Adam de Shadewell of Roudham to Will. de Rothyng, parson of the church of Westharlyng, Henry de Rothyng and Cecilia his wife, for their lives, of the fishery of Estfen in Shadewell; Sat. before f. of SS. Simon and Jude [21 Oct.] 37 Edw. III. [1363], p. 5.

8. Release to the same persons from Agnes daughter of the late Philip de Shadewell of all her right in the fishery; Monday before the said feast [23 Oct., 1363], p. 6.

9. Release from Cecilia Rothyng to James de Brethenham of all her right in the fishery called Philippys Water; Sat. next after f. of St. Barnabas [15 June] 15 Rich. II. [1392], *ibid.*

10. Release from Alexander, Master of the College of Russheworth, Thomas Crowe, clerk, John Mannyng, William Parys, and John Grene to John, Prior of the monks of B. Mary Thetford, and the Convent, of all their right in sixpence of rent from the lands and tenements of the Priory called Rothyng in Brethenham, belonging to the lands and tenements of the grantors called Brighamys in Roudham; Friday before f. of St. Peter *ad Vinc.* [27 July] 2 Hen. V. [1414], p. 7.

11. Letters patent of Hen. IV. of license to Roger Stoppusley, on payment of 12 marks by the Convent, to give to them 53 acres of land in Thetford and Croxstone, and also to Edmund Blankpayn to give land in Thetford and Donham, and to Will. Smyth to give a messuage and land in Yoxforth; 3 July, *an.* 13 [1412], *ibid.*

12. Licence from Edmund de Veer, Earl of Oxford, to Edmund de Blankpayn to make the grant expressed in the preceding Patent; same date, p. 8.

13. Grant from Edmund Heyford of Bernham of land in Snaryshill; at Snarishill, f. of St. Matthew [21 Sept.], 13 Hen. IV. [1412], p. 9.

14. Grant from Walter Kokerell, of Thetford, chaplain, to John son of Hugh son of Robert de Donham, and Matilda his wife, of 30 acres in the field of Donham and a pasture called Longelondes; at Donham, Tuesday in f. of SS. P[eter] and P[aul] [29 June] 13 Edw. III. [1339], *ibid.*

15. Release from Edmund Lakynghithe to John Howe of Thetford of all his right in the lands of his late father John de la Kynghithe in Dounham; at Dounham, Thursday after the f. of St. Lucy [15 Dec.] 3 Rich. II. [1379], p. 10.

16. Grant from John Howys of Thetford to William Berdewell, knt., Edmund Blankpayn, and three others of all the lands, &c. [specification omitted, but apparently those conveyed in the preceding deed]; at Dounham, Monday after f. of Purif. B.M.V. [3 Feb.] 11 Hen. IV. [1410], *ibid.*

Thetford, Norfolk. 17. Grant from Edmund Blankpayn of Eustone to the Priory of all the lands in Dounham which were formerly John Howys', and also of all his own arable lands in Thetford in the field called Fauertonfeld; at Dounham, f. of Decoll. of St. J. Bapt. [29 Aug.] 13 Hen. IV. [1412], *ibid.*

18. Grant from Geoffrey Dersham, parson of the church of Bradewelle, to Master William Bernham, parson of the church of Bramptone, William Bokyl of Leystone, Edmund Blankpayn, and William Smyth of Becclys, of land and a messuage in Yoxford, formerly John Andrew's and John Smyth's; at Yoxford, Tuesday before f. Nat. St. J. Bapt. [19 June] 9 Hen. IV. [1408], p. 11.

19. Grant from William Smyth of Becclys to the Priory of the messuage, &c., formerly John Andrew's conveyed in the preceding deed; at Yoxford, f. of St. Bartholomew [24 Aug.] 13 Hen. IV. [1412], p. 12. One of the witnesses is Sir Robert, vicar of Yoxford.

20. Grant from Robert Halle of Thetford, chaplain, to William Galyon, Edmund Blankpayn and Edmund Heyford of all his land in Fauertonfeld; Sunday after f. of St. Michael [5 Oct.] 12 Hen. IV. [1411], *ibid.*

21. Grant from Alicia Foxle of Thetford to John Skynner, chaplain, and Edmund Blankpayn of Eustone of an acre and a half in the field of Thetford [Fauertonfeld]; 12 Sept., 8 Hen. IV. [1407], *ibid.*

Two of the witnesses are Symon Goos, mayor of Thetford, and Reginald Fermer, coroner.

22. Grant from William Reymund of Thetford to John de Acre and Isabella his wife, for 80 marks, of seven pieces of arable land in Crokestone; at Crokestone, Sat. before f. of St. Gregory the pope [6 March], 4 Edw. fil. Edw. [1311], p. 13.

23. Grant from Thomas Veylde, clerk, to the Priory of all the lands and tenements which he had by the gift of his mother Mary in Snaryshill; at Snaryshill, Monday before f. of St. Barnabas [8 June] 12 Hen. IV. [1411], p. 14.

24. Power of attorney from Thomas Veylde for the giving seisin of the preceding, but dated Tuesday after the f. of St. Barnabas, 9 Hen. V. [1421], p. 15.

25. Grant from Thomas Pere and Ralph Wyote of New Market to Edmund Heyford of Bernham and Thomas Geyton of seven roods of arable land in various fields in New Market; Sat. after f. of St. Peter *ad Vinc.* [5 Aug.] 3 Hen. IV. [1402], *ibid.*

26. Power of attorney from Will. Knyght to Thomas Pere of New Market to give seisin of the land conveyed in the following deed; 2 June [1407], *ibid.*

27. Grant from Will. Knight, citizen and woolmonger of London, to Edmund Eldhalle, esq., of Wodeditton, Will. Gateley of Thetford, Edmund Heyford of Bernham, and John Aston, of all his lands at New Market within the limits

of the manor called Wyka Monachorum of Thetford; at New *Thetford, Norfolk.* Market, 1 June, 8 Hen. IV. [1407], p. 16.

28. Grant from Edmund Heyford of Bernham to the Priory of all his lands at New Market within the limits of the manor of Wyka Monachorum; at New Market, f. of St. Luke [18 Oct.] 14 Hen. IV. [1413], *ibid.*

29. License from Henry IV. to Hugh Stoppusley to give to the Prior and Convent (who have paid for it one hundred shillings) a messuage and three acres of land in Thetford [Cattystede] 20 Oct. *an.* 14 [1412], p. 17.

30. Similar license to the same, on payment of six marks 26 Oct., *an.* 14 [1412], *ibid.*

31. Grant from William Cat of Thetford to John Wyntyr, Edmund Oldhalle, and Hugh Stoppusley of a messuage built in Thetford called Cattystede, in the parish of St. Peter, of which one end abuts on the common way called Bryggate leading from the great bridge towards the church of St. Peter; Monday after f. of St. Faith [10 Oct.] 14 Hen. IV. [1412], p. 18. It would seem from the dates of the two following deeds that the date of this should probably be 12 Hen. IV. The first three witnesses are John Archer, mayor of Thetford, John Wyrlyngworth, bailiff, and Reginald Fermer, coroner.

31. Release from John Wynter, esq., to Hugh Stoppusley of all his right in the messuage, &c., conveyed in the preceding deed from William Cat; 24 Sept., 13 Hen. IV. [1412], p. 19.

32. Similar release from Edmund Oldhalle, esq.; same date, *ibid.*

33. Grant from Hugh Stoppusley to the Priory of the aforesaid messuage; Sat. after f. of SS. Simon and Jude [29 Oct.] 14 Hen. IV. [1412], *ibid.*

34. Release from John Cat, son of Will. Cat, to John the Prior and the Convent of all his right in the aforesaid messuage; Monday before f. of Nat. of the Lord [18 Dec.] 6 Hen. V. [1418], p. 20. Witnesses, John West, mayor, John Apyltone, coroner, John Wyrlyngworthe, bailiff, &c.

35. Similar release from Margaret Cat, late the wife of Will. Cat; Friday after f. of Invent. of H. Cross [6 May], 6 Hen. V. [1418], *ibid.* Witnesses, Richard Do, mayor, Reginald Archer, coroner, John Wyrlyngworthe, bailiff, &c.

36. Similar release from Henry Dod, of Dunmow, Essex; at Thetford, Tuesday in the week of Pentecost [13 June], 1 Hen. V. [1413], p. 21. Witnesses, John Archer, mayor, John Wyrlyngworthe, bailiff, Reginald Fermer, coroner, &c.

37. Grant from William Cat of Thetford to Roger Stoppusley, Edmund Blankpayn, Nicholas Purre, and Will. Spynmerye, of his land in the field of Croxton, formerly John de Acre's and in the field of Thetford, formerly John Dany's; at Croxton, Sunday before f. of St. Andrew [22 Nov.], 13 Hen. IV. [1411], *ibid.* Witnesses, John Pelle, mayor, John Wyrlyngworthe, bailiff, &c.

Thetford, 38. Grant from Roger Stoppusley to the Priory of the land
Norfolk. conveyed in the preceding deed; f. of Exalt. of H. Cross
[14 Sept.] 13 Hen. IV. [1412], p. 22.

39. General pardon to the Priory by Hen. V. of all offences
committed before 8 Dec. *an.* 2 [1414]; 16 March, *an.* 3 [1416],
ibid.

40. Grant from Stephen Eloin of Brokedisshe and Rose
his wife to John Amerynghale of Weybrede of a piece of marsh
in Brokedisshe; Sunday the f. of St. Faith [6 Oct.] 16 Rich. II.
[1392], p. 24.

41. Grant from John de Bodeneye to Sir John Elvered,
rector of the church of Oxeburghe, and five others, of his
manor of Santon; at Santon, Wedn. f. of *St. Matthew
[21 Sept.] 8 Rich. II. [1384], *ibid.*

42. Grant from Thomas Ode of Oxeburghe to William
Galyon of Thetford, William Shepherde of Lynford, and
Thomas Fykeys of Colvestone, of his manor in Santone and
Westoftis, with all appurtenances except Anna Gryffyn, a
native of the manor; not dated, p. 25.

43. Grant from Will. Galyon and Thomas Fykeys to Thomas
Hoog, chaplain, of their manor in Santon and Westofts; not
dated, *ibid.*

44. Enfeoffment by Thomas Hoog, of Thetford, chaplain,
of John Moubray, Earl Marischall, Will. Galyon, and Thomas
Fykeys, in the manor of Santon and Westofts; not dated, *ibid.*

45. Demise from the same to the same; not dated, p. 26.

46. Demise from Will. Galyon and Thomas Fykeys to
Thomas Hog of all the lands in Stanton which they had by
the gift of Nicholas Parys of Great Lynton, Cambridgeshire;
not dated, *ibid.*

47. License from Henry VI. to John, Duke of Norfolk,
the patron of the Priory, to give to the Prior and Convent
(who have paid 22*l.*) the manor in Santon and Westofts;
19 Nov., *an.* 7 [1428], p. 27.

48. Consent of John Howard, knight, to the aforesaid gift
by the Duke of Norfolk; at Stokeneylond, 14 Dec. [1428],
p. 28.

49. Grant by John, the Prior, and the Convent to Walter
Colman of Aslakton of 14 acres and one rood in Aslakton for
one hundred years, at an annual rent of seven shillings and
three halfpence; 12 Nov., 11 Edw. IV. [1471].

50. Writ from Hen. VI. for an inquest *ad quod dampnum*
for license to be given to John Duke of Norfolk, and others,
to give the manor of Linford, and advowson of the church to
the Priory; 20 Jan., *an.* 33 [1455], p. 31.

51. License from the same to the Priory to acquire
lands to the value of 20*l.* *per an.*; 13 March, *an.* 27 [1439],
p. 32.

52. Memorandum that on 12 May *an.* 31 [1453], the Priory
acquired the manor of Bodeney and a messuage and various
lands in Thetford, Croxstone, Brethenham and Santone, of

the annual value of 8*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.*, and on 8 May, *an.* 33 [1455], *Thetford, Norfolk.* the manor of Lynford, with the advowson, &c., of the annual value of 100 shillings, *ibid.*

53. Confirmation by Hen. VI. to the Priory, in consideration of the great expense incurred by it at various times when he was there, of the manor of Bodenev, for the gift of which, license was given on 12 May last to Richard Waller, Esq., Robert Boorley, esq., John Bertram, gentylman, and William Norwich, junior, and which had been forfeited by the treason of Sir William Oldhalle, knt. 23 June, *an.* 31 [1453], p. 33.

54. General pardon by Edw. IV. to the Priory of all offences before 15 April last; 5 Nov., *an.* 8 [1468], p. 34.

An index of some names of persons and places is added at pp. 39-43 in a hand of the end of the fifteenth century.

A small quarto volume of transcripts, bound in parchment, contains also various notes and extracts made by Gregory Faux, Town Clerk, at the beginning of the 19th century, including the Charter of William and Mary in 1693, and the bye-laws made in that year; with a history of proceedings under the Navigation Act for the river called the 'Lesser Ouze,' to the year 1810.

REGISTERS.

Of these there are now five volumes remaining out of nine. The earliest extends from 6 Sept., 1577, to 13 Dec., 1583, with two entries on the last leaf of 1586-7, overlapping partly the time comprehended in the next volume; it is marked on its parchment cover, by Mr. G. B. Burrell, formerly Town Clerk in the first half of the nineteenth century, as "No. 1."* It is in good condition, and consists of 86 paper leaves, and it is shown to have lost no part of its original contents by the following certificate of the Town Clerk, Anthony Frere, or Fryer, at the foot of the last leaf: 'Mem. this xij. of Julye, 1596, 38 Reg. Eliz. I Anthonie Frere delyvered this booke to Mr. Mills with 86 leaves in yt. Per me, Anthonie Frere. 86 leaves.' It has been incorrectly paged as having only 170 pages instead of 172.

1577, 9 Dec.—'Mem., to calle for a copie of Mr. Gent's wylle and a copie of Mr. Tyddenham's wylle,' fol. 3.

'Mem., the revennyys owt of the Monks for the poore. Item, a revenue owt of the Chanons for the poore. Item, a revenue of the Nonnes.' *ibid.*

Ambrose Kent for misusing of Mr. Shering (the Coroner) by unreverent words is 'discommunicated,' is fined ten

* Q. Elizabeth's Charter of incorporation was granted 12 March, 1574. And of the former body of Mayor and burgesses, to whom Hen. VIII., 6 May, 1532, issued an ordinance regulating the election of Mayor, no record of proceedings is extant, beyond a few "notes mentioned *infra*."

Thetford, shillings, and is to be committed at the pleasure of the Mayor.
Norfolk. Also William Stevenson, for unrevrent and indecent words against the Recorder, viz., that he rid to London with a scrip and a wallet to beg bread and cheese, for the devil a penny that he would spend by the way, was committed to ward and fined, fol. 3b.

16 Dec.—'Yesterdaye, beinge the xvth of this instant Dec., Mr. Mayor and Recorder caused diverse slowfull persones to paye to the poores use vjd. a pece for their not comminge to the Church; whereuppon John Hillarye this present daye openlye reported in the hearinge of diverse persones to the discredit of the Mayor and Recorder, and to the annymatinge of the inferyor people, that yf he had ben as they, he woulde not have payde yt, and that they did more then they might doe, in takinge money of St. Marys parysshe, &c., and dealinge with the poore but not with the ryche, tellinge Mr. Mayor that yt had ben well donne to have gyven yt them agayne, beinge so takinge to make them beware, &c.; for which and many other inconvenient words here confessed by him, the same person was committed,' fol. 4.

John Kepas was committed to the stocks for refusing to convey Agnes Smythe, great with child, out of his house to Wortham in Suffolk, *ibid*.

1577-8, 24 Feb.—Sixteen victuallers are bound not to dress or supply flesh meat during Lent, fol. 4b. Oct.—Twenty victuallers bound in recognisances, fol. 4b.

31 March.—Keys of two hutches, the Great and the Little, mentioned, fol. 6b.

12 April.—John Palferye was committed to prison for calling Mr. Medcalf a knave and a stinking knave, fol. 7b.

Geoffrey Drake was committed for not executing his office for the sealing of cloths, *ibid*.

2 May.—The Mayor summons a Hall at 6 o'clock in the morning, fol. 8.

17 May.—Agreed that the constitution touching enrolling indentures of bargains and sales made 22 Sept., 1574, shall be void, fol. 8b.

25 May.—Agreed to seal the Constitutions for the Court, *ibid*.

21 June.—Agreed that it shall be lawful for the drapers and others to repair to the market as they have done, until they have contrary commandment. 'Yt is considered by the company that Bridgegate strete shalbe mended, and that men do trym and make fayre their howses with speede, and make faire the stretes afore their dores. Also yt is aggreed that the sworde of office be made fayre and newe skaberded, and the maces be made redye, and Mr. Sheringe must prepare the mace lost. Mr. Bets is determyned to carye the olde mace to Burye to have a newe made. Mem. Mr. Mayor made vewe of bowes and arrowes at Magdalen Chaple, xxij. die Julii,' fol. 9.

3 July.—‘ Mr. Mayor commaunded that all burgesses shoulde have by Magdelyn daye next which have borne office within this Corporacōn a redd gowne and other decent apparell against the Quenes Majesties comminge hither. And that all commoners have also lyke decent apparell against the same tyme upon their perrills.’ *ibid.* Thetford,
Norfolk.

12 July.—‘ Mem., that Mr. Recorder [John Reynolds, esq.] for the aydinge of the Corporacōn with money upon the Quenes Majesties comminge and for the credit of the Corporacōn offered to lende the Corporacōn xli. in golde, which was laide downe and offered before the Compayne this halle, and yf that should not be sufficient for the turne they shoulde have as muche more, from this present twelve daye of Julye unto Mighelmas next.’ fol. 9b.

26 July.—Mr. Jolly, Mr. Davy and Mr. Eden to be committed at the Mayor’s pleasure to prison, for their absence and disobedience at Magdalen fair in not accompanying the Mayor, *ibid.*

Reginald Worliche fined xij*d.* for wanting his gown, *ibid.*

27 July.—Mr. Allen for refusing to give up the key of the hutch where the seal was kept, for the sealing of the Constitutions, was committed to ward in the Gild Hall, but the next morning on confessing his fault and paying a fine of 12*d.* he was discharged, fol. 10.

Jo. Hillarie was committed for saying that the Mayor needed not to have suffered the Clerk of the Queen’s house to sit in this borough, the Queen being within the verge, fol. 10b.

30 July.—The Constitutions for freedoms were sealed, *ibid.*

‘ Mem., Mr. Mayor chargeth in the Quenes Maiesties name that everye man be at this halle on Wednesdaye nexte in suche decent apparell as they will use at the Quenes Maiesties comminge, to thende that the Corporacion maye be the better liked of her Maiestie,’ *ibid.*

The common hutch to be repaired, and a third key made for the Mayor to keep, fol. 11.

Three pieces of evidence delivered to the Mayor, viz., two under the Great Seal of England in green wax and one under the Duchy seal in red wax, *ibid.*

6 Aug.—‘ At the Hall for the apparance in their gownes of scarlet and other, &c.,’ *ibid.*

13 Aug.—Bread and hay weighed by the Mayor, and found as follows :—

John Salmon’s penny white loaf weighed 13 ounces troy ; his halfpenny loaf 7 ounces ; his horse loaf 14 ounces. The widow George’s halfpenny white loaf 8 ounces ; the widow Cosen’s 7½ and her penny loaf 17 ounces. John Snelling brought horse bread very unsavoury and unwholesome, and therefore is to pay a fine, and for baking contrary to the Constitutions forfeited 10*s.* One penny loaf with no mark weighed 11 ounces. N. Raynberd’s bottle of hay weighed 1½*lb.*,

Thetford, Norfolk. Mr. Davy's 2lbs., Mr. Evance's and Snelling's 2lbs. 9 ounces, and another (*name cut off in margin*) 2lbs. *ibid.*

14 Aug.—'At this Hall for the Quenes comminge, yt was talked of, what woulde be donne at her comminge for the commodytie of the Towne, but nothings was agreed upon,' fol. 11b.

16 Aug.—'At the Hall for the receyvinge of the Quenes Maiestie. Yt is demaunded howe the Cuppe appointed to be gyven to the Quene shalbe paid for, together with the mase made for that purpose, and Mr. Mayor and the rest coulde not proceede for Mr. Evance and Mr. Allen, because they woulde be talkinge other matters,' *ibid.*

20 Aug.—Mr. Evance and Mr. Allen were absent and not summoned; they were 'put of by Mr. Mayor; Mr. Edwards, Mr. Grene, Mr. Base, Mr. Bedells, Mr. Keen, did not heare their request, and therefore did not yet agree; Mr. Jollie Mr. Davie, and Mr. Bets did not consent. The causes followe for their puttinge of. At this Hall Mr. Beets said upon the puttinge of of Mr. Evance and Mr. Allen, upon their request and for other causes, that here is a right horse coursinge,' fol. 12.

Agreed that there be a cucking-stool made, fol. 12b.

Names of ten persons charged to use no trade within the Corporation before they compound, fol. 13.

'Mem., that whereas Mr. Mayor the xvijth daye of Aug. last made a generall assemblie of the Burgesses and Commons in the Guyldhall there for the service of the Quenes Maiestie and for the better provision of all things to be sett in good order for their dutiefull receyvinge of her Maiestie, beinge determynd to come to the same boroughe, that at the same assemblie the companye for the same purpose assembled coulde not determyne or proceede in anie thinge to be donne for that purpose by reason of the disordered dealings and mysbehavvour of Richard Evance and Thomas Allyn, burgesses, which persones, for that they coulde not then have their wylls in their disordered dealings, severallie, either of them, prayed the Mayor and burgesses there assembled, as before that tyme often tymes they had donne, that they might be dismissed from their burgesship, affirminge that they woulde thanke them that they might have their request granted them. By reason of which disordered dealinges by them at the same assemblie shewed, and by reason of which their severall reasonable request, the rather for that either of them accordinge to their bounden duetties are and shalbe hereafter bounde to serve their Lorde and master when they shalbe thereunto requested, in whose service they are nowe of late entred, whereby the Quenes service within this boroughe shall and maye muche be hindred, as urgent and necessarie occasion might require hereafter, Thereupon nowe at this assemblie for that purpose yt is nowe thought good by the Mayor and most of the burgesses assembled, viz., Mr. Edwards, Mr. Bedells, Mr. Grene and Mr. Base, that the same Richard Evance

and Thomas Allen be dismissed of their burgisship, and not *Thetford,*
 anie more to deale therin, and that other be chosen in their *Norfolk.*
 steade for the better service of the Quenes Maiestie in this
 Corporacion,' fol. 13b. [Richard Evance is afterwards in
 1579 called Evance Richards. In 1580 he is elected Mayor.]
 'Hillarie said to the Recorder, The towne was never well
 governed sithens you came into yt, nor never will so longe as
 you be in yt, the daye abovesaid,' *ibid.*

'Mem., that Mr. Evance said in the hearinge of Thomas
 Mobbes and others that he woulde pulle him owt by the eares
 that was chosen in his rome,' fol. 14.

29 Aug.—'Mem., that the charges of fees gyven to the
 Quenes officers at her cominge amounteth unto 6*l.* xiiijs. viij*d.*
 The charge of the cuppe gyven to her Maiestie amounteth
 unto 6*l.* vijs. vjd.* Paid for one new mase that Mr. Sheringe
 lost, viz., for the sylver xxjs. and the yron and makeinge, ix*s.*
 This mase Mr. Sheringe is to answeare. For the amendinge of
 the other mase, vijs. iiij*d.* For a skabard and newe dressinge
 of the sworde xxijs. vjd. ob.

'Mem., that everye Commoner have a gowne against the
 eleccion daye.

'Mem., that whereas Snelling hathe incurred into the danger
 of a fyne of xs. for bakinge unwholesome brede, yt is agreed
 to take but vs.

'Mem., Mr. Davye is discharged of the Companie by the
 Mayor and burgesses, accordinge to the Councell's com-
 maundement at the Councell Borde at Mr. Clere's howse in
 Thetford in the tyme of progresse, viz., the xxvij. daye of
 Aug.' fol. 14b.

'Mem., that the iij. of September, 1578, Mr. Mayor and
 Recorder together with Mr. Edwards goinge aboute the towne
 for to looke for unlawfull games, and goinge in the strete at
 Bridgegate corner there was Mr. Bets, Francis Sheringe, and
 John Kepas, and Mr. Recorder said to the said J. Kepas that
 Mr. Mayor and he was certefyed by the Commissioner, Mr.
 Dey, that he used unlawfull games, and he answered, he
 trusted not so, wherefore Mr. Recorder shewed him the Com-
 misioner's booke of his owne hand. Also Mr. Recorder sayd
 unto Francis Sheringe that the Commissioner had certefied
 also unto him that he used not his bowe, whoe answered that
 yt was a lye. Whie, said the Recorder, here is his owne hande.
 Yea, said he, yt is a lie of your owne makeinge, yt is not the
 first lie you have made, I tell you, you lye flatlie, I will not goe
 behinde your back to tell you you lye, and that you toulde a
 lie afore the Councell; and diverse tymes said he was a lyer,
 with diverse other opprobrius words in the hereinge of

* In Thomas Churchyard's *Discourse of the Queenes Majesties Enter-
 tainment in Suffolk and Norfolk.* reprinted in Nichols' *Progresses of Queen
 Elizabeth* (vol. ii. 1788, p. 90) it is only said with regard to her visit to
 Thetford that she went from Wood Rising "to Thetford at Sir Edward Cleeres;
 the trayno have told me (that was there) how they were worthily feasted."

Thetford, Norfolk. Mr. Mayor, Mr. Edwards, Mr Bettes, and John Kepas, for which unreverent wordes he was committed the daye abovesaid,' fol. 15.

6 Sept.—An assembly 'by Mr. Mayor, to knowe what men will gyve voluntarelie towards the receyvinge of the Quenes Maiestie.' Seventeen persons give sums varying from 30s. to 4d., Mr. Hillarie being assessed 'with his owne will' at 30s. 'Mr. Evans will gyve nothinge,' fol. 15b.

16 Sept.—'Mem., upon speache made to Clenche [*a serjeant-at-mace*] by Mr. Mayor touching game at tables suffered by Clenche in his howse, the said Robert Clenche said to Mr. Mayor, Ye seeke to punyssh me above others, I will see a remedye for yt; I have ben and complayned to you for justice and can have none. Spoken before diverse strangers,' fol. 16.

4 Oct.—'Mem., that John Purvy, John Marshall, Robert Thorbourne and . . . Lambert have taken upon them to discharge John Smith of the custome which he have of the glovers of Burie, for one yeare nexte followinge, and then the Corporacion will barre the Burie men of that trade,' f. 16b.

Ordered that no shoemakers shall meddle with, or take to mend, any old work, neither shall any coblers make any new work of their own, but shoemakers to make their new work, and coblers to do all old work, fol. 17.

8 Oct.—Money due by Mr. Davy to the Corporation over 33*l.* including 'borrowed of the town, ii*l.* He receyved of the Duchemen for sealinge, xx*l.*, besides Church money,' fol. 17b.

Ten poor persons charged to avoid the town, *ibid.*

10 Oct.—Agreed that the annual stipend of the Mayor shall be in future 20*l.*, paid quarterly, 'yf there arise so muche profitt to the towne,' and that he 'medle with noe other benefitt of the Corporacion,' including 'the comodytie of the butchers,' fol. 18b—no other benefit but the fishing and the home, fol. 34.

The new Mayor, John Edwards, is contented that the Constitution for taking of fish in nets shall be made void, fol. 19b.

Yearly after election the Mayor to ride with the company to see the bounds of the town, *ibid.*

A Constitution to be made for artificers, &c., 'that they worke not but bee free, viz., shomakers, taylors, that they doe none but newe worke, &c.,' *ibid.*

A cucking-stool and a pound to be made, *ibid.*

No stalls to be set up by any inhabitant in the market before the town stalls be furnished; victuallers to take only 1*d.* for a horse; no horse to stand in the streets on market-days, fol. 20.

Mr. Evance imprisoned for speaking disdainful words against the Mayor and the Recorder, *ibid.*

7 Nov.—Confession of Robert Abraham, read by him in the Hall, that diverse matters attempted by him for the benefit, as he thought, of the Corporation, tended to its hindrance and the disquieting of the inhabitants, fol. 20b.

Ten alehouse keepers licensed, fol. 21.

The Mayor commands the constables to punish nine named persons whensever they shall be found at any alehouse, fol. 22. *Thetford, Norfolk.*

A Commission of the peace to be sued for, fol. 23.

A Constitution to be made that no inhabitant let his house to any poor person without the consent of the most part of the burgesses whereof the Mayor to be one, *ibid.*—except the inhabitant have been in the borough above three years, fol. 34.

15 Nov.—Names and ages of six old men for depositions as to the circuit of the Liberty, fol. 23b.

Anthony Fryer sworn in as Town Clerk, *ibid.*

The Chamberlains' account of receipts in 1578, fol. 24.

1 Nov.—Warrant for arrest of Francis Sheryng on a plea of debt to Reginald Metcalf, fol. 26.

Various other warrants are inserted in several places and writs of *habeas corpus* of persons to appear at Westminster.

25 Nov.—Ordered that the brewers shall sell a barrel of strong beer, 'notwithstanding the proclamation,' for 6s., and a barrel of good ordinary beer for 4s. 8d., fol. 26b.

27 Nov.—Walter Beets, burgess, to be committed to prison 'for a convenient tyme' and fined 10s., for discrediting the Mayor and burgesses by saying there were none joined with him of that company but whoremongers and 'bankerouts,' referring to three of them. The particulars are stated, and it is ordered that if he at any time again abuse the Mayor, burgesses or Recorder, he be discharged of his burgesship and fined, fol. 27.

Lists of 121 freemen admitted from 1578 to 1600, ff. 28b.—30b.

8 Dec.—Agreed that a letter 'be sent to Mr. Theopsolous for the havinge the Duchemen to come agayne,' fol. 32b.

13 Dec.—List of cloths seized by the Searchers as being unsealed, *ibid.*

14 Dec.—The Recorder to seek to have a legacy of 10*l.* given to the town by Sir John Tudnam, fol. 34.

Eleven persons sworn whether any of them took away, or know who took away, the copy of certain Constitutions left in the parlour of the Gild Hall, or know where the said copy is, but all deny it, fol. 34b.

Adam Sparrowe was committed for 'deceyvinge of the towne in payntinge the Quenes Armes, and for other his disobedience to the now Mayor,' *ibid.*

27 Dec.—At an assembly 'touchinge the quietinge of the Duchmen for their Church . . . yt is agreed with thassent of the chefe Duchemen that they shall have the Guyldhall for to use as their Church until they shall have a more convenient place for them appointed,' *ibid.*

1578–9, 2 Jan.—John Shering examined for saying of the Mayor and his serjeants, 'Like Mayor, like men,' and that all the three 'are worthe my old saddle that I ryde upon that is not worthe ij*d.*,' fol. 35.

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Account of payments made by the Dutchmen, fol. 35b.

12 Jan.—Abraham Baist was committed for misusing Mr. Clover in the tennis court, calling him knave, and John Proferie and Edward Bedells for fighting and quarrelling in the tennis court, fol. 36.

16 Jan.—A controversy between Mr. Allen and Mr. Raynberd amicably settled by the Mayor. Allen confesses that he said he was put out of the company for taking his lord's coat, and that he had that to show under some of their hands. [See *supra* under 20 Aug.,] *ibid.*

19 Jan.—Agreed that the suit or supplication to the Queen exhibited in her progress here be at this term prosecuted with effect; the Recorder to move the Council therein, and if need be to send for some one to come up, fol. 36b.

19 Feb.—Mr. Flowerdewe to 'be gently talked with' to release his patent for 40s., fol. 37.

Order to be taken for the coming of the preachers upon the Saturday every fortnight, fol. 37b.

'Mem., that where[as] the prechers of the countrie are appointed of their free wyll to preche within this boroughe everye fortnight upon the Saterdag, for and towards whose good wyll yt is ordered and agreed that at which tyme the sermon is made the person who make the sermon shalbe had to dynner to one of the burgesses howses, viz. one burges one daye and another the other daye, and so orde[r]lye,' fol. 38.

John Shering examined for saying, when the Recorder sent for him by virtue of the Council's letter, that the Recorder should come to him if he would, fol. 37b.

23 Feb.—The constables to warn the inhabitants to provide sufficient artillery before 25 March next, and that all persons do refrain from unlawful games, fol. 38.

22 March.—Agreed that a bag of mace spice found within the Corporation shall be sold to Mr. Beets for two shillings, fol. 39b.

28 March.—William Davy deprived of his attorneyship in the court of the Corporation, because he, falsely and corruptly, when Coroner, charged the borough in the Crown Office with a deodand of 30 shillings, which the Corporation never had, while he himself had the sum of 22 shillings, fol. 39.

Robert Browne discharged from the Company for that he misuses himself with the vice of drunkenness, to their discredit, fol. 40.

11 April.—John Judye is deprived of his burgessship, being under suspicion of felony in taking other men's goods, and Evance Richards admitted in his place, fol. 41a,b.

1 May.—The constables to gather in the subsidy for the soldiers by Whit-Sunday, otherwise they themselves are to pay for it, fol. 43.

13 July.—'Noe person to take for a man's dynner above vj.d. onles he wilbe at their chambers,' fol. 45.

16 Aug.—The collectors for the poor of St. Peter's parish *Thetford,*
have had in their hands 43s. 2½*d.*, and have distributed to the *Norfolk.*
poor 35s. 4*d.*, fol. 45b.

23 Aug.—The Mayor ordered Mr. Beetes to depart out of the Hall for that he said in open place that the mayor was a promoter, and that there was never a burgess of the Company worth anything but Mr. Skott, fol. 46b.

Agreed that the Constitutions be sealed under the common seal, *ibid.*

29 Aug.—The Mayor displaces Beets from his burgesship, fol. 47. The matter referred to the Recorder on 4 Sept., fol. 47b.

Sept.—The Recorder to be moved for the erection of a market-court, fol. 48b.

10 Oct. Twelve innkeepers licensed, fol. 50b.

1579–80, 25 Feb.—‘The Duchemen are agreed to paye to thuse of the towne for everye warpe of yarne that shalbe made or uttered by them to sale *ob.* from this daye furthe,’ fol 56.

‘Thomas Draper, constable, have receyved a qualiver, a flaske and tuche boxe, a murryon, and a sworde,’ *ibid.*

28 March.—‘Mem. that the Companie have assented to have a Quarter Sessions; also to knowe whither Sir Edward [Clere] have the grante of a Gayle from the Quene,’ fol. 57b.

20 May.—Agreed ‘that I, A. Fryer, shall use still the seale nowe used by me as for the Mayor’s seale untill the same shalbe aggreed to be altered by the Company,’ fol. 59b.

‘Mem., Mr. Reynolds did (upon some speache used by John Edwards, burges, against A. Fryer, nowe Towne Clarke) demande of the Companie here present that yf anie may have misliking of the said Clarke and shewe iust cause of anie abuse by him, and prove the same, the said Recorder woulde be willinge to appoint another; but all men kepte silence (except the said Mr. Edwards), and yealded and aggreed [and] so allowed of the said Clarke,’ *ibid.*

27 Sept.—‘Robert Mullye is fullye discharged from his office of comonership by the Maior and burgesses, for that he dothe and hathe of longe tyme heretofore and at sondrye tymes ben absent to serve the Quene at Mr. Maior’s appointment,’ fol. 59b.

Oct.—Eleven alehouse keepers licensed, fol. 60b.

24 Oct.—‘Charles Vaustavell was imprisoned for that he woulde and did, contrarye to Mr. Maior’s commaundement, sell Englisshe wares and kepe his shop open to that purpose, contrarye to thorder of the Corporacion,’ fol. 62.

21 Nov.—Two freemen committed to prison for refusing to pay the fees due on their admittance to freedom, fol. 65.

Thetford, [1581-2?], 16 Feb. — Golding elected Recorder by 7
Norfolk. votes over — Davy who had four, fol. 66b.*

1580, 24 Nov.—‘Tho. Draper delyvered to Rich. Diggon and William Stevenson, viz., ii. swords, ii. hedpeces, ii. qualivers with boxes and flaxes [*flasks*], iij. blacke bylls, a gonne, a shefe of arrowes,’ fol. 69.

‘Evidence delyvered to be caryed to London. The advowsno of Santon, the L. Threasurer’s lre, Sir Edward Clere’s lre, the copie of the grante of the market, iij. writings of mortmayne, one under the duchie seale, ij. under the Greate seale, the ladye Galion’s wyll, a confirmacion of the duchie charter,’ fol. 69b.

24 Feb.—A Pound to be made at the end of the stall next the Castle lane, 16 [feet] long and 8 broad, fol. 70.

18 March.—Upon a contention between Mr. Allen, Nicholas Grene and Nicholas Clover about the order of taking their places in the Hall, (of whom Allen was always in his place before they came), it is left to the Mayor to settle the whole matter, who commands the said three persons to take their places and sit as they come, until advice be taken of those that be learned for the determining of the said contention, fol. 70b.

21 April.—Mr. Clover was committed to prison for refusing to come to the Hall, and on being specially sent for, refusing to take his place, saying he had none, not being appointed to the place he ought to have, fol. 71.

21 April.—The Mayor, Mr. Eden, and Robert Abraham to go to London to finish the lease between Sir Edward [Clere] and the town according as they and the town’s counsel shall think convenient. And that upon the sealing of the lease Robert Rackett shall have from the town an assurance of 3*l* to be paid him and 20*s.* a year during his life, so he do set over his right of bailiwick, fol. 71b.

Agreed that if any man be arrested by any officer appointed by Sir Edward Clere, High Sheriff of Norfolk, unless the process be directed to the Mayor, if the party arrested will then bring his action against the Sheriff’s officer for breach of the borough liberties, every one assembled will stand with the said person, and the town shall bear the [cost]. ‘To this rule Mr. Grene give no voyce,’ fol. 71b. Mr. Grene and Mr. Clover refuse to vote ‘onles they have their places,’ whereupon the Mayor commanded them in the Queen’s name to take their places according to the order of a rule made 18 March last [*supra*], which they obstinately refused to do, and would not move to sit up higher. ‘Thereupon Mr. Maior

* This entry is inserted out of its proper place by another hand on an otherwise blank page. But at fol. 77 there is inserted a leaf dated 14 Oct., 1581, with a list of those, in number 23, that gave their consent, and of eight who did not vote or did not consent, to the removing of Mr. Raynolds from his Recordership; and who agreed that Anth. Fryer, the Town Clerk, should no longer act as holding his office from Mr. Raynolds, but from the Corporation.

did comitt them to prison upon their disorder and abuse, *Thetford,*
and furthwith departed from the Halle to his owne howse *Norfolk.*
to assemble, &c., by cause they were troublesome to him.
And they are fined 12*d.* each, fol. 72a,b.

List of the sworn officers of the Dutchmen; viz., two as governors, six sworn to search the rough bays, nine to seal the white bays, one (Charles Vaustavell) to keep the book for the warps and for the Hall, and one, (Jacob Demay) as bailiff, fol. 72b.

10 July.—The Mayor having appointed a meeting to talk of matters of the town went to the Hall in the afternoon, and when there, finding he wanted company, sent to Mr. Grene's bowling alley for divers who were there, and after tarrying very long sent again commanding them to come, who at last came, but without their gowns, whereupon they, in number five, were enjoined to pay their several fines due by the Constitutions for that offence, and three were also committed to prison for playing unlawful games and for unreverend speeches given by them to the Mayor, fol. 73b.

18 Aug.—Henry Potell (?) fined 20*s.* for buying 7*lbs.* of worsted yarn, but the fine to be somewhat moderated by the Mayor, fol. 74.

1582, 1 April.—Thomas Kyrbye, who claimed the office of Town Clerk, is dismissed 'for not doinge, nor abull to do, that which by reson of his offices he should performe and do,' fol. 82b.

26 Sept.—At the election of Mayor (Mr. Shering) the names and votes of all the Twenty Commoners are given, fol. 75b.

12 Nov.—Richard Borough and Anthony Hutton committed to the stocks for playing at cards in service time on Sunday last, fol. 76b.

Lord Arundel to be moved for the 8*l.* 10*s.* due from him to the poor, and the right of the town to the common of Westwick to be maintained. This resolution is signed by 15 persons, of whom ten sign by marks, fols. 76b, 77.

15 Nov.—List of the weights and measures delivered to the incoming Mayor, fol. 78.

Agreed by the most part assembled that demand be made of Mrs. Deane as well for the money for ringing the 8 o'clock bell as also for the legacy of 20*l.* given to the poor by her husband Gent, *ibid.*

3 Dec.—About twenty shillings gathered amongst the Company towards the contribution to Mr. Herne for his preaching, fol. 78.

9 Dec.—Seven deeds and other parchment writings touching Geselam lands delivered to the Mayor together with a supplication to the Duchy court, and also ten deeds of Barnham lands, six parchment rolls of accounts of lands, Lady Gallion's will in parchment, and a copy of a deed from her, *ibid.* These were redelivered on 11 April, 1583, together with 'a booke called Dallapowle' [De la Pole], fol. 82.

Thetford, Norfolk. The person who brought them, Walter Eldred, was discharged from his place as a commoner and fined ten shillings for pulling off a seal from one of the deeds, *ibid.*

10 Dec.—A pillory set up in the market, for which Sir Edw. Clere gave the timber, and the making cost sixteen shillings. Sir Edward also gave a 'pople tre' to make plank for the mending of the gaol. ['Pople' not unfrequently occurs in this Register as the form for 'poplar.'], fol. 78b.

21 Dec.—The Mayor reports that Lord Arundel will pay the 8*l.* 10*s.* for the use of the poor, by quarterly payment of 42*s.* 6*d.*, commencing at Christmas next, and the arrears of 80*l.* to be paid off by annual payments of 20*l.*, to begin at the next audit, *ibid.*

Assurance to be taken from Mrs. Deane for the 20*l.* and for the 6*s.* 8*d.* for the ringing of the bell, *ibid.*

31 Dec.—Agreed that the Mayor's home be henceforth kept and employed, or sold, by the Chamberlains for the maintenance of the Guildhall in repair thereof, and that the money be kept in store for that purpose and be used for nothing else, fol. 80.

1582-3, 12 Jan.—Mr. Morrys is presented to the benefice of Santon, fol. 80b. 16 Jan.—A bond in 200*l.* to be taken of Morrys to resign if he be not resident, fol. 81.

25 Jan.—Assize of bread and beer. No victuallers to bake or brew in their own houses but to have their bread and beer of the common bakers and brewers, fol. 81b.

13 June.—Persons that will have any stuff in the Fother Fen are to come at the day appointed between 5 and 6 o'clock to the Bell Corner, fol. 83b. [The Bell inn still stands at the corner of 4 cross roads, an Elizabethan building with its courtyard and with unaltered appearance.]

27 Aug.—Mr. Shering has not received the 20*l.* from Lord Arundel's officers, but thinks it were good that a Bridewell should be made, and it is agreed that my Lord's officers be moved to this end, fol. 84.

2 Oct.—List of weights, &c., received from the Coroner ('Crownier'), ending with 'one carpit of Darmakle, and fower cushings' [cushions], fol. 85.

The volume ends with an entry of 29 Oct., 1583, and then on the verso of fol. 86 there are two unimportant notes on 10 and 11 March, 1586-7. These are followed by a list of the town's yearly profits and payments; the latter are, to the Queen 8*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, to Sir Edw. Clere, 6*l.* 6*s.*, to the Mayor for his diet 20*l.*, and to the Recorder for his fee 4*l.*

'No. 2.' A volume in good condition, bound in parchment, containing 275 numbered pages, besides six at the beginning not numbered (see under 1594, *infra*). It has been carefully examined and marked by Mr. Burrell, former Town Clerk, who has added at the end a table of contents. It exhibits the record of the proceedings of the Corporation from 22 April,

1571 to 1601, with some brief entries extending to 1622; *Thetford, Norfolk.* but the record has been very imperfectly kept, and is written very confusedly and often indistinctly. Some miscellaneous documents, such as writs and warrants, have been occasionally inserted, apparently by Mr. Burrell, for preservation.

1571, 13 Eliz.—‘Nycholas Edys of Thachestead was ponyshed in the stocks for takyn of wages contrary to the rates.’ Three names follow of men who took fourpence a day.

Two shillings were received from each of three persons who had been mayors, Peter Skote, Richard Jolly, and ‘Mr. Goche,’* for ‘certayne reade’ [reeds, rushes] for the Gild Hall.

‘Receyved of Smyth, the laborer, and of Edmond Howchyn, of eyther of them viij*l.*, for that they being fermors did take read in the common fenne upon the common day to thir owne uses contrary to the constytucion and order therof made.

‘Receyved of the inhabytantes of the towne toward the clark of the markyt, xijs. *xd.*’

Entries of the Petty Sessions follow, and throughout the volume occupy at intervals a considerable part of it. They chiefly concern the enrolment of servants, specifying the term engaged for, and the sum ‘*pro salario*,’ often with addition of livery. The money rates vary from 33*s.* to 16*s.* 8*d.* per year. In the case of women it is sometimes ‘*pro omnibus necessariis sibi inveniendis*.’ A shoemaker’s apprentice is engaged for eight years, and is to have at the end of the term a double fitting-out in every thing, twenty shillings, ‘and all necessary toles for a cordwyner.’

The list of municipal goods delivered to Mr. Hillary the Mayor in 1571 is a very homely and simple one:—

‘Thre speats.

Two cobyrons.

One dryppynge pan.

A standard.

A stone weight.

Half a stone weight.

A ij*lb.* weight.

One *l.* weight.

A quarter *l.* weight.

A payer of skales in a bage.

ij. sheaffe of arrowes.

iiij. bowes.

iiij. bill staves.

One pyke.

One corselett.

One Almen [*Almain*, i.e., German] revyt, with a skull, a back, and a brest of an Alman revyt.

* Mr. Burrell notes in the margin that this Mr. Gooch was Groom of the Chamber to Henry VIII.

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Norfolk.

A brassyn busschelle.

ii. towche. boxes.

A morys pyke.' [List in 1583 at p. 95. In 1589 at p. 167. 1595 at p. 27.]

In 1569, 9 June, a passport is given by Thomas Fayrchild, curate of Crowland, Linc., signed with marks by the Bailiff and Constable of Crowland, to John Foster who had been a soldier in Ireland for eight years, and is going to his parish, Ash in Kent, and has this day been taken and punished for being without a passport.

1572, 13 May.—The consent of the Corporation is given 'for the renttryng out' of their body of Robert Hillary 'for callyng Mr. Sheryng theff and Davy cokold.' [The opprobrious words are interlined by another hand.] Of 23 'commoners' whose names are attached, fifteen sign with marks. Later instances of removal (in 1582 and other times) show that abusive language at meetings of the Corporation was of frequent occurrence, but was always noted and punished.

In 1575 a suit by Edward Clere, esq., against Mr. John Edwards in the Consistory Court at Norwich respecting some tithes is adopted as a town's suit, and finally carried to the Star Chamber. In this year there is a list of all the freemen of the borough.

'A breff note or extraxte of such Constitucions as are under seale for the Boroughe of Thetford, made in the tyme of Walter Beet, maior,' p. 40.

Nine shillings and sixpence were paid for a carpet for the Hall.

1578.—Peter Bucke, of Blakeney, tailor, is bound in 5*l.* not to sell or in any way put away a cow or implements belonging to Katherine Howchin, widow, whom he is about to marry, otherwise than to the use of herself and her own children, p. 55.

Mr Bettes for abusing certain burgesses by words was 'excamyned' [examined], found culpable, committed to prison and fined, p. 56.

1581-2, 16 Feb.—Anthony Fryer, the Town Clerk, being ordered to bring in, in accordance with an order of the Lord Chief Justice, all records and writings belonging to the Corporation, obstinately refused to deliver any, p. 67. Articles were objected to him to the L. C. Justice on 18 April following, p. 91. He pays in 20*l.* in discharge of a bond on 1 May, *ibid.*

1582, 5 Oct., 24 Eliz.—It is enquired by the Mayor 'yf the Companie thinke yt convenient,' to make a supplication unto the Council for the obtaining of Santon benefice to the town for the use of a preacher for ever, and agreed, pp. 62, 83.

26 Nov.—Nicholas Clover is called to answer for speeches against the preaching of Mr Morres and Mr. Herns, saying that they preached aganist him, and that the Mayor procured

it, and also for slandering one William Stimson as an evil liver; the Serjeant is ordered to keep him in custody until he finds bail to answer the charges at the next sessions, p. 87. *Thetford, Norfolk.*

28 Nov.—Fourteen men for playing unlawful games were imprisoned for four hours and were fined a shilling each to pay for the making of the new pillory, which was set up that day, p. 88.

15 Dec.—A legacy of 6*s.* 8*d.* left by Mr. Thomas Gent, to be paid yearly for the ringing of the viij. o'clock bell, *ibid.*

16 Dec.—Twenty-one shillings given to Mr. Hearn, considering his pains for preaching, *ibid.*

20 Dec.—Abraham Basse says that no godly preacher will allow what is in the Book of Common Prayer to be good, and that he does not like that is in the Book, but wishes it was out, p. 89.

25 Dec.—Some men playing at 'scaylls' at service were enjoined to kneel down in the church after the ending of the Gospel, to be sorry for their offence and pray to God to forgive them, before the face of the congregation, and one of them to pay 6*d.* to the churchwardens of St. Cuthbert's parish, p. 90.

28 Dec.—Elizabeth Sowenhowe, because she would not ask forgiveness in the church of Mr. Betts for abusing him (as ordered by the Mayor, p. 89) was set in the 'cockstole,' and afterward she asked forgiveness, p. 90.

1582-3, 3 Jan.—'— Vincent came before Mr. Digon, mayor, with a complaint against Tho. Bassingwhit for mesusing of his prentice, which correction was for playing at the cards and also playing in the time of service, the which correction being lawfull the sayd — Vincent for his complaint, being not lawfull, was set in the stockes all the daye,' p. 103.

3 Feb.—A collection made for repair of the Gild Hall, *ibid.*

25 Feb.—Four men sign a confession of their fault for abusing the Sabbath day by going in unlawful company, p. 91.

1584, 14 Oct.—A list of nine Dutchmen who are householders and five who are not; followed by this order: 'To the senior of the Duchemen comaundement is gyven by the Maior that they receyve non of their countrymen from Norwich nor other place without assent of the Maior,' p. 111.

30 Oct.—Robert Whytney, esq., and Mr. Edward Eden, the Mayor, elected Burgesses in Parliament, p. 113.

1585, 3 Sept.—Mr. Edwards displaced for corrupt dealing, p. 120.

6 Sept.—James Bylton displaced from his commonership for that he is very old and fallen into some simplicity, and given to much drinking, &c., p. 121.

11 Oct.—Five men sent to train, to Snetterton beacon; one bowman, one pikeman, one gaoler, and two 'qualiter' (caliver?), p. 124.

29 Dec.—Nich. Raynberd disburgessed for not coming to assemblies at the common Hall, not keeping his church, procuring new strife in the town, &c., p. 126.

Thetford, Norfolk. 1586, 26 March.—Five pair of shoes seized for being insufficiently made of calves' leather wet dressed, contrary to the statute, valued together at 5s., p. 127.

18 April.—The common seal to be taken up to London by the Mayor, Nicholas Clover, to be put to any supplication or other act for the benefit of the town, p. 128.

16 Aug.—Mr. Golding, the Recorder, displaced for his hard and injurious dealing against the Corporation, and Edmund Poley, esq., elected, p. 129.

17 Oct.—The marks of four bakers registered, (and at p. 161) and the assize fixed as follows: the half-penny white loaf, 5 ounces, the penny wheaten loaf, 16 ounces, the two-penny brown loaf, 56 ounces, and two pennyworth of horsebread, after the rate of seven loaves for twopence, to weigh 56 ounces, p. 132.

On 22 April in the next year the weight of the penny wheaten loaf is reduced to 10 ounces and the seven horse loaves to 30 ounces, and on 14 Aug. the half-penny white loaf is fixed at 7 ounces, the penny wheaten loaf at 20 ounces, the twopenny brown loaf at 72 ounces, and the seven horseloaves at 60 ounces, p. 144.

Further order, raising the two latter weights to 75 ounces, 3 Jan., 1587–8, p. 149. All raised again in 1588, pp. 153, 161, and in 1592, p. 197.

31 Oct.—Two burgesses to go to London 'about the supplication to my L. of Arundel for our Commons.'

Dec.—Sir Roger Woodhouse and Mr. Tho. Poley elected for Parliament, p. 136.

17 Dec.—The proclamation against the Queen of Scots was published and read in the market, p. 137.

1588, 14 Nov.—'The Constitucions were sealed for the good order and government of the Corporacion, conteynyn parts or rolles, 50 leaves,' p. 158.

1588–9, 15 Jan.—'— Poole is appoynted for a pynour, and to have vjs. viijd. in his purse, who is to go into Portingale as it is saide,' p. 163.

20 Jan. [Election]—'It is agreed that the sermons shall be on the Thursdaye, and their diet to be provided at the Christopher, and the maior to be at the charge of the preacher's dinner,' p. 164.

16 April.—List of 16 documents delivered to the Mayor, p. 174.

1590, 30 Sept.—Twelve men appointed to train at Attleborough, p. 185.

1591, 11 Oct.—A petition to the Lord Treasurer for Santon benefice, p. 189.

1592–3, Feb.—Charles Chewte, of the Middle Temple, esq., and Bassingborne Gaudye, esq., elected burgesses in Parliament, p. 201.

15 July.—Cutbert Hevesett committed for keeping evil rule in his alehouse, and suffering play in service time, and

abusing Mr. Shering, the coroner, by bad words when he reproved him for his misdemeanour in his house, p. 202. *Thetford, Norfolk.*

1593-4, 18 Jan.—John Graye, examined, saith that he serveth Henry Knyvet, esq., lying in Fleet Street at the sign of the Crane; he brought from his master a rapier and dagger, the rapier gilt at the shoulder, and the dagger is an old one; which rapier and dagger his master lent him to wait upon him with; as for other things he brought none away but such as was his own, which he has now, viz., two shirts, two pair of stockings, a pair of shoes, a little prayer book which cost him eightpence, and three yards of 'homes' fustian, of a mealy colour, which he bought at London for 3s. 10d., *ibid.*

20 Aug.—Roger Herbert displaced from his twentyship for various causes, including non-payment of his debts to the discredit of the town, and misusing the mayor and burgesses in bad terms, calling Mr. Asteley 'splittershanks,' and some other of the Company 'cadowes and pretie cadowes and churles,' meaning Mr Shering by 'churle.' p. 203.

24 Dec.—'Anthony Frere delyvered into the Common Hutche the evidence wh.t.i.kyns (?) howse, viz., thirtene in number, which nowe belonge to the Corporacion,' p. 207.

Ordered 'that everye burgesse provide twoo bucketts, and everye comoner one buckett, and everye other howseholder a mawkyn, for the quenching of fyre when casualtie shall happen within the towne, to be provided by our Ladye' [day], *ibid.*

1595, 2 Dec.—Mr. Asteley is chosen to keep the key of the Hutch, and sworn that nothing of the evidence or writings shall be taken out of the Hutch by his key without the presence and assent of four burgesses besides the mayor and six of the commoners, p. 214.

'Tax' is called 'taske' in a receipt of the Crown collector in this year, [as in the records of Beccles. Late examples of use?], p. 216.

A note on p. 218 certifies that the leaves in the book are cxxi. up to this leaf; there are now only 115, a few of which have had one half cut out.

1597, 23 Nov, 40 Eliz.—Nine persons are licensed to be victuallers and keep alehouses, p. 221. There are now five bakers, whose marks are entered at p. 221; the penny white loaf is now of 9 ounces, the penny wheaten loaf 12, the twopenny rye loaf 40, seven horse-loaves for twopence 46 ounces. In 1598 only four bakers and four alehouse keepers, p. 227; the weight of bread is raised.

1598, 21 April.—Commanded to the Chamberlains that the market cross be repaired with all speed, p. 224.

1601, 24 Aug.—Certificate by the mayor, coroner, and three others that they have received of Mrs. Frere (widow of the Town Clerk?) 'divers books and coppies of courts, verdictts, recognisaunces, extracts, olde extent, coppies of clarke of the merkett, constitucions, examinacions, and other writinges';

Thetford, and Edward Eden, the Town Clerk, adds that of these books *Norfolk.* he has received, one Court book of the same Mayor's time, one book of recognizances, one book of the last Sessions, and one book of . . . (?) before the time of Mr. Chapman (the present Mayor), p. 229.

16 Oct., 43 Eliz.—Henry Warner and Thomas Knyvett, esqs., elected burgesses in Parliament, p. 234.

A peck of oats to be sold by innholders for 6*d.*, p. 235.

From this date up to 1609 there are no entries of proceedings, except that various writs and warrants have been pasted in, on several leaves in vacant places. But there are no signs of the removal of any leaves, and the reverse of a leaf beginning in 1610 contains notes of 7 Aug., 1601, and the next leaf is of the same year with also the beginning of 1611. It is clear therefore that for nine years the Town Clerk neglected his duty unless he may have kept private notes which he never copied into the book. At the end of the volume (p. 206) is a Constitution of the Court of Record made 1 May, 1576, and (pp. 269–71) notes of payments in 1574–5. At p. 273 a list of some writings received by Nicholas Rainberd in May, 1578.

1609.—The best beer or ale sold in an innholder's house to be one penny the quart; and every 'gainer' out of a house, three pints for a halfpenny. Every innholder to sell in their penny bottle of hay 4lbs., and the halfpenny bottle must weigh 2lbs., p. 231. In 1601 and 1610 the bottle is to weigh 3 lbs. The assizes for bread and beer are entered now in each year, up to Dec., 1623, 21 James I., and in June, 1625, 1 Chas. I., under the head of the Court of the Clerk of the Market; and this is practically all that is recorded.

The third remaining volume, which extends from 1639 to 1642, is numbered '7.' It contains 61 leaves, and is bound in parchment. It is not, however, a Register of the Acts of the Corporation, but only an entry-book of cases heard in the Mayor's Court from 16 Sept., 1639, 15 Chas. I., to 5 Sept., 1642. In Oct., 1639, there is a return of there being only one prisoner in the gaol, and he for many debts to various persons.

The fourth volume, numbered '8,' contains a collection of transcripts of various documents relating to the town from the time of Henry VIII., made by George Burrell, and dated 1801. Prefixed is 'A list of deeds and evidences belonging to the Corporation of Thetford, in my possession,' which have not at present been found, nor are they known to be in existence. Then, a list of mayors from 1272 to 1338, taken from Mayors' accounts and 'Rolls of fairs,' which also have not been found, but which from their date and possible character ought to be of some special interest. Next, 'A list of the ancient writings, &c., contained in this book,' but these have with one exception been all cut out (there being a gap

in the middle of the volume), and have shared the fate of the others. Amongst these was a warrant from Oliver Cromwell for the apprehension of William Lodge, dated 11 March, 1653, and an order appointing the Post House or Office to be at the Bell Inn, 15 Jan., 1663, which is now affixed to the cover of the sixth volume, marked 9, and is printed *infra*, in the description of that volume. Some of the less important documents, together with many writs, have been inserted in blank spaces in the Registers, as mentioned above. The one original paper remaining in this volume consists of three tattered fragments of a draft of a petition, in English, to Henry VIII., for some grant in help of the town, which is not unlike, it is said, [to be] in extreme desolation and decay 'by meene of meny offycers and many fermors.' There is also a list by Burrell of 'writings relating to the advowson of Santon, presented to me by the Rev. Harry Charles Manning, the present Rector.' And at the end of the volume he has affixed to the cover twelve seals of eleven High Sheriffs of Norfolk cut from writs directed to the Mayors of Thetford in the time of Q. Elizabeth.

The next volume, numbered '9,' bound in parchment, is chiefly filled with entries of Sessions of Peace for the borough.

i. Sessions' entries from 17 Sept., 8 Jas. I., 1610, to 9 July, 5 Chas. I., 1629.

In the first day's sessions Robert Bately the younger, for striking his master is sentenced to one month's imprisonment, 'and, at his first enterance into the gayle, he shalbe well whipped in the presence of his said master untill his body be all bloody.' On 28 Dec. John Lidgett is indicted for saying that the session of the last subsidy were all knaves and thieves, and rob the King; he confessed, but said he was not himself when he spoke the words, and was bound over in 20*l*. Several bonds are pasted in, chiefly for maintenance of children, including one of 12 May, 1589, from Richard Towler, of Yxworth, musician.

ii. Entries of bonds, chiefly those of victuallers and alehouse keepers, from 1619 to 1629. Up to 1622 the bonds are signed by the persons bound, almost entirely by marks.

iii. Entries of the Court of Record of the borough from 1702 to 1767, with a plea in 1772.

iv. Entries of Petty Sessions for hiring of servants in 1755-1766.

v. Several receipts for payments, including one for burial in linen in 1679.

vi. Admissions of freemen, 1720-1756; with an index of names.

The sixth volume is also numbered as '9.' It contains the meetings of the Corporation from 22 March, 1681-2, to 9 Dec., 1718, in 351 numbered pages.

Thetford, Prefixed are the following papers :—
Norfolk.

i. Petition from the Mayor (Robert Tyrrell,) and others, 'now prisoners in the Messenger's hands,' to Horatio Lord Townsend, Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk, confessing, with reference to a difference with the Town Clerk, that they have carried themselves very irreverently towards him, and have aggravated their misdemeanours by saying that what his lordship did was unreasonable, and that if they admitted the Town Clerk again according to his order they and their posterity would be ruined ; for all which they humbly crave pardon. Robert Tyrrell was Mayor in 1677.

ii. Copy of a report to the King from the Lord Lieut. on the preceding case. Thomas Cropley, the Town Clerk, did rudely affront the Mayor, but the writer himself drew up a form of submission and apology for Cropley to make, and attended a meeting of the Corporation to present it, but, although the Mayor would have accepted it, the majority would not hear it read, and refused to have it entered in their books, with much reproachful language, especially from one Burrage Martin. Marked, 'Gave to me by Jas. Mingay, esq.'

iii. Copy of the Charter of Charles II. ; 6 March, *an.* 34 [1682].

iv. Letter to Robert Tyrrell, esq., at the Cross Keys, Thetford, addressed as 'Dear Brother' ; signed with initials, apparently H. E. L. ; dated 8 Sept., 1672. Urges him to get the Mayor to speak to Stonton's wife to-night before the Town Clerk comes, and induce her to earnestly request the Clerk to do his best to make John Kettle a commoner ; 'they say the Dutches of Cleaveland prevayle much in such cases. . . . Burn this paper as soonne as you have read it.'

1681-2, 22 March.—The old charter surrendered, and a new one granted, for the peace and quiet of the Corporation, consequent upon difference regarding the election of Mayor, p. 15. Signatures are appended to the declaration against the Solemn League and Covenant, by those who take office, throughout the volume.

4 Aug.—The town house to be leased for ten years at a fine of 50*l.* and annual rent of 3*l.* The advowson of Santon to be sold for the best price that can be gotten.

1683, 9 July.—Address to the King on his escape from the plot for his assassination, p. 30.

1685, 30 Sept.—John Burrell, junior, clerk, elected chief Schoolmaster of the Free School, p. 51.

1686, 26 Oct.—The bill of charges for the new charter, and those incurred in a suit against the town by Wormely Hethersett, pp. 64-6.

1686-7, 4 Feb.—Resolutions upon the 'great affront' done to the Corporation by the arrest of the Mayor, John Mendham, for the non-payment of the aforesaid charges, p. 67.

24 Feb.—Among admissions of freemen are those of four wool-combers and one linen weaver, pp. 68-9.

22 Aug.—Agreed that a letter be written to Sir Joseph Williamson acquainting him of the purpose to elect him one of the burgesses in Parliament, which was done on 28 Aug. Also agreed that an address be presented to the King, which was accordingly drawn up, but on 28 Aug. it 'could not be agreed upon by the maior part to be presented,' pp. 70-1. *Thetford, Norfolk.*

1688, 30 April.—An address proposed to the King upon his proclamation for a Parliament, thanking him for his declaration for liberty of conscience, and for his care of the Church of England, 'therein likewise once more repeated to us.' After its being read and well considered 'it was agreed upon and signed by all, excepting two, viz., James Barbor and William Sadden,' and was sent to London to Lord Chief Justice Wright to peruse and advise upon, and sent back by him 'with some small alteration'; it was then engrossed on parchment, and the common seal affixed, and was presented to the King. The two forms of address are entered, and the 'small alteration' in the second is the omission of two words—'and assist' the King's purposes, p. 73.

26 Sept.—John Mendham, esq., the present Mayor, shows a mandate for his re-election signed James R., and sealed, as he pretends, with the privy seal, but the assembly, not being satisfied of the reality thereof, resolve to proceed according to their charter and custom, and therefore submit two names (including Mendham's) for election, and John Seabrooke is chosen, p. 75.

1688-9, 14 Jan.—4th year 'of the reign of our most gracious sovereigne Lord James the Second.' By virtue of the Prince of Orange's letter of 29 Dec. for the election of two burgesses for the Convention at Westminster, Sir Joseph Williamson and Sir Henry Hobart are elected, p. 76.

15 Feb.—Adam Felton, esq., substituted for Hobart, who is elected for the county, p. 77.

(From 1689 to 1693 there are no entries.)

1692-3, 10 Jan.—Agreed to procure an order in Chancery for annulling the 'late illegal surrender of the Charter' made to K. Charles II., and to get a transcript of the Charter of Q. Elizabeth under the Great Seal, p. 83.

A list of subscriptions of loans towards the expense is added, amounting to 50*l.* 10*s.*, which are repaid from a gift of 100*l.* from Sir J. Williamson, p. 84.

[1675.—Extract from the will of Sir Edwin Rich, knt., of Lincoln's Inn, bequeathing 20*l.* a year to the poor of Thetford, the place of his nativity; dated 24 April, 1675, in which year he died on 16 Sept.; with a copy of a letter from his brother, Charles Rich, in December, p. 84.

The bequest is to be distributed in bread or clothes, and is charged upon Rose Hall Farm in Beccles.

Extracts from the will of William Harbord, esq., respecting his benefactions to Thetford, p. 85.]

Thetford, Norfolk. 1696, 23 Sept.—At the election of Mayor two commoners, Edward Freeman and John Tostick, were withdrawn by the Mayor because they had not signed the Association enjoined by Parliament, p. 86. The two commoners were subsequently removed for not signing, p. 101.

19 Oct.—A convenient bridge to be forthwith built for horsemen next the Christopher, not exceeding 20*l.*, till a more substantial bridge may be built, p. 87.

1697, 16 July.—Isabella Duchess of Grafton releases the Corporation from a debt to her of 240*l.*, p. 98.

10 Sept.—Address of allegiance to William III., p. 104.

1698, 26 July.—Letter to Sir Joseph Williamson praying him to consent to re-election for Parliament, for Thetford, and not to sit again for Rochester, p. 113. Charles, Lord Paston, of Oxnead Hall, elected by twenty votes to eight for Richard Atkyns, esq., on 16 Jan., in the place of Williamson, p. 121. Lord Paston had been admitted as a freeman on 4 Nov. preceding.

1699.—Letter of congratulation to Sir J. Williamson on return from his embassy in Holland, p. 126.

1699–1700, 9 Feb.—Agreed to resist four writs of *mandamus* ordering to restore John Seabrooke, Edward Freeman, John Tostick, and Thomas Howlett to their places as Common Councilmen, p. 143.

26 Feb.—Walter Salter removed from the Common Council for non-attendance, non-residence, and for promoting division and turning informer, and causing *Qui tam* informations to be brought against the Corporation, endeavouring not only the disfranchising of the Corporation but also the total ruin of several members thereof, p. 145.

1701, 25 April.—Agreed to oppose two writs of *mandamus* for the restoration of Thomas Mather and Edmund Hethersett, p. 165. Again 29 Jan., 1704–5, p. 239.

8 Oct.—Sir John Woodhouse elected Recorder for life, p. 173.

8 Nov.—Address to the King ‘shewing our resentments of the French King’s declaring the pretended Prince of Wales, King of Great Britain and Ireland,’ pp. 175–6, 180.

1701–2, 13 March.—‘A veal, a mutton, and a lamb,’ to be presented to the Judges of the next Assizes, p. 183 and p. 229, &c.

20 July.—At an election for Parliament, Robert Benson and Edmund Soame, esqs., were chosen by 20 votes and 17, over 13 for James Sloane, esq., and 11 votes thrown away on four others of which seven were for Sir Thomas Hanmer, pp. 191–2.

30 Aug.—William Caudell excluded from the Council for maliciously publishing false and scandalous lies respecting John Wright, esq., the Mayor, swearing that he was forsworn, not to be believed, a receiver of stolen goods, &c., pp. 194–5.

16 Nov.—Agreed to oppose a writ of *mandamus* for the restoration of William Caudell, p. 206, and again, 5 Aug., 1703, p. 218, and again, 8 Nov., p. 225. *Thetford, Norfolk.*

24 Nov.—Letter from Sir Joseph Williamson's executors about an attempt on the part of Lord Cornbury's creditors to frustrate Williamson's intentions in his legacies, p. 207. On 28 Dec. the executors write to say that the will will be carried out as soon as the estate can be sold, p. 228.

1702-3, 21 Jan.—Mr. Wormly Martin mentioned as being master of the Free School and Hospital, p. 209. And on 28 Jan. Mr. John Tyrrell, master, and Mr. James Barber, usher, fellows of the School and Hospital, p. 210.

8 Nov.—The regalia handed to the Mayor by the Coroner: The sword and mace, the two little maces, the silver cup, cover and salver, washed with gold, with the cases, four volumes of the Statutes at large, two books of entries, the old sword, the Charter and Constitutions, p. 225.

1704, 16 Oct.—William Caudell having been restored to the Council he is again excluded for bribery with respect to election of mayors or members of Parliament, p. 234.

1705, 10 Sept.—Every burgess to give in his vote for himself, and also every one to vote single, p. 250.

26 Oct.—Sir John Wodehouse, Bart, M.P., presents 100*l.* to the Corporation, p. 255.

1707, 11 June.—Eleven persons who had been turned out of the Corporation are restored by order of the Court of Queen's Bench, 'there being no power whatsoever granted by the Charter for turning members out,' p. 262.

26 July.—William Caudell restored to his place by writ of *mandamus* and John Tyrrell, who had been substituted, removed, p. 263.

12 Aug.—Three Commoners displaced on the ground of undue election, p. 264.

22 Sept.—Two more displaced on the same ground, p. 266.

1709-10, 21 March.—John Lee appointed Deputy Recorder and Town Clerk by Sir John Wodehouse, p. 281.

2 Oct.—Sir Thomas Hanmer and Dudley North, esq., did on their election for Parliament 'freely discharge and release all wages due or to be due to them as burgesses for the burgh,' p. 285. The same entry is made on the election of Sir Edmund Bacon on 12 Dec. in the same year in the room of Hanmer, p. 287. And on 31 Aug. by Sir W. Barker, Bart., and Dudley North, esq., p. 312, in 1714, p. 323.

1711, 25 June.—Voted, *nemine contradicente*, that Mr. John Tyrrell, clerk, schoolmaster of the Free School, be removed from his place of schoolmaster, p. 290.

18 Aug.—Agreed that Mr. James Barbar, usher of the Free School, who is decayed with age and incapable of performing the place of usher, shall be allowed 4*l.* during his life, to be paid by his successor in quarterly payments. And Mr. Stephen Swift of Felthwell, Norfolk, is appointed in his

Thetford, Norfolk. place on condition of the said payment, to enter at Michaelmas next, with liberty to enter upon the apartment and premises belonging to the usher at any time before then ; who promises to teach the children of this town that learn Latin, to write and cast accounts and to read in the Bible, p. 291.

1712, 20 July, Sunday.—Address of congratulation to the Queen upon the negotiations for peace, presented by Dudley North, p. 297. Address on the conclusion of peace, p. 310.

10 Nov.—The Mayor's salary to be 20*l.* *per an.*, p. 301.

17 Nov.—The schoolmaster's salary from Midsummer 1711, when Mr. Tyrrell was voted out, to be laid out in repairing the tenements belonging to the School, p. 302.

4 Dec.—Sir John Wodehouse being present is desired to encourage Mr. John Price, clerk, to come from London to take the place of schoolmaster ; and it is agreed that the place of schoolmaster and living of Santon vacant by the death of John Tyrrell be given to one person, p. 304.

1712-3.—The Town Clerk to write to Mr. Price to come down to take the place of schoolmaster, p. 305. 9 Feb.—He is elected, and presented to Santon ; and he and the usher, Mr. Swift, are to make an agreement with Mr. John Emerson of Santon for the school farm at Croxton at the yearly rent of 120*l.*, p. 306. 11 Jan., 1716-7.—Agreement for 140*l.*, p. 334.

1713, 5 June.—The assistance of the members for the borough desired in procuring Sir J. Williamson's legacy, p. 309. A bill in Chancery proposed to compel payment, 3 April, 1714, p. 315.

1714, 11 Oct.—Address to George I. on his accession, p. 318.

1715, 28 March.—An estate to be purchased with Sir J. Williamson's legacy, and the revenues to be applied for maintaining a charity school, with a master and mistress to teach so many boys and girls as the revenue will allow, and to keep them to work, p. 324.

Thanks to Sir Thomas Hanmer, Bart., for 215*l.* 15*s.* in cancelling a mortgage due to him to that amount, *ibid.*

Five quarters' salary, being 33*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, ordered to be paid to George Tyrrell, executor of Mr. John Tyrrell, deceased, due to him at Michaelmas, 1712, the quarter-day before his death, any former order to the contrary notwithstanding, *ibid.*

15 June.—Trustees appointed by Williamson's charity, p. 326 and p. 339. Reports of the purchase of an estate, 28 Jan., 1716-7, and 5 Feb., pp. 336-7. Agreed to apply to Chancery for leave to devote the revenues not to a school but to apprenticing poor boys and girls, p. 337.

1717, 23 Sept.—William Martin, clerk, who was put in by Wormly Martin to officiate in his place as curate and lecturer

at St. Mary's Church about 25 years ago, reserving to himself the small tithes not exceeding 5*l.* in value, is now appointed master of Fulmerston's Free School, curate and lecturer, in the place of the said Wormly Martin, who about ten years ago being distrained on for rent left these parts, carrying with him the seal of the Free School Corporation, and has not been heard of for so long a time that his other ecclesiastical preferments in the diocese of Norwich have been declared void and have been filled up, p. 340.

At the end of the volume are inserted :—

i. Opinion of counsel, H. Partridge, on a case of parish liability for charge of a child, dated 22 March, 1779.

ii. 'Schedule of rules and orders, &c., relating to the binding charity of Thetford,' 1801.

iii. Letter from James Mingay, dated from Eastey's Hotel, Southampton Street, Covent Garden, 22 Jan., 1807; address lost.

iv. Order by Charles Abbott, Speaker of the House of Commons, for the attendance of George Bird Burrell in the matter of the petition of Thomas Creevy, esq., respecting an undue election, 26 Jan., 1807.

v. Copy of a like order to Thomas Mann, to bring all books and accounts showing any charges for meat, drinks, &c., furnished in his house on 24 Oct. and 5 Nov. last; 20 Jan. 1807.

vi. Warrant for re-arresting Edward Challis [*coroner*], who on 30 June was rescued by about forty persons when in custody for a debt of 400*l.* at the suit of William Craske; 20 July, 1704.

At the beginning there is pasted on the cover, in torn and mutilated condition, the appointment of a post-office noticed *supra*, p. 145, dated 15 June, 1663. 'These are to give notice that the Bell inn at Thetford from henceforth is to be the common posthouse for the receiving of all letters, and that William Harper there hath undertaken to receive all such and carefully to have them carried and delivered according to the various persones and places heretofore respectively, . . . that all letters shall be received . . . money unlesse they be endorsed, Post paid. By the order of Mr. . . Betterton of Norwich, postmaster for the stage.'

The Corporation insignia are very fine. The old mace, mentioned several times in the preceding extracts from the Registers, was lost, possibly during the Commonwealth period, and a very fine one, silver gilt, bearing the arms of England and of the donor, surmounted by a crown and cross, was given by Sir Joseph Williamson in 1678. He also gave a very handsome sword, in an embroidered case, supplying the place of the old one also lost. Two small silver sergeants' maces, 18 inches long, are of older date, probably of the time of James I., as they bear the royal arms as quartered in his reign; there is no hall-mark visible. A cup with a cover, and a salver, of silver gilt, were given by James Sloan, M.P.

Thetford, for the town, in 1697. On the bottom of the cup the words *Norfolk*. 'Prosperity to Thetford' are engraved. There is also an elegant silver-mounted staff, six feet in length, which was given by James Mingay, Mayor, in 1800, as the Mayor's badge of office.

There are two seals. One is ancient, bearing the representation of a castle, with figures of a man holding a sword erect on one corner-tower, and a man blowing a horn on another, with the inscription, '*Sigillum commune burgencium de Thetford*.' The more modern one, much smaller, bears the same representation, with the inscription, '*Antiq. Burg. de Thetford*.'

The insignia are all described, with illustrations, in a pamphlet printed in 1902, by James Millington, J.P. (Mayor in 1907), entitled *The History of the Guildhall, Thetford*. They are also described in the exhaustive work on Corporation Insignia in England and Wales by O. Jewitt and W. H. St. John Hope, published in 1895, Vol. II., pp. 205-6.

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ANCIENT DEEDS

BELONGING TO

THE DUKE OF NORFOLK, K.G.,

AND RELATING CHIEFLY TO

MANORS IN THE COUNTIES OF NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK.

ALBURGH (ALDEBURG).

1. [Early 13th century.]—Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Willelmus Branche concessi et dedi et hac carta mea confirmavi Roberto, filio Ricardi, de Basingham, et heredibus suis, terram meam de Aldeburc, unde dedit mihi ij. marcas de recognicione, et pro v. solidis annuatim reddendis de servicio pro omni consuetudine et exactione, et pro accremento quod dedi ei in exitu Basingham, et propter commune quod concessi ei cum armentis suis et hominum suorum, qui cum armentis meis et hominum meorum ibunt veluti fecerunt in tempore antecessorum meorum in predicto exitu Gressamie et Basinghamie, Reddendo inde annuatim iiij. capones pro omni servicio et consuetudine et exactione, scilicet ad Natale Domini. Pro hac concessione et donacione dedit mihi predictus Robertus ancipitrem Sor' de recognicione. Quare volo ut ipse et heredes sui hec predicta servicia facientes teneant hec omnia predicta de me et heredibus meis jure hereditario, salvo servicio Domini Regis, scilicet ad xx. solidos j. obolum, et ad plus, plus, et ad minus, minus.

Testibus : Josep de Tueit ; Willelmo, presbytero de Basingham ; Waltero de Wltertune ; Willelmo de Bodham ; Godard Branche ; Eberardo, fratre eius ; Baclero de Felebrige, et Hugone, fratre eius ; Gaufrido Branche ; Helia Beniamin, et Safrido, armigero ; Wlrico, clerico ; Elwino de Becham ; Willelmo Kigetiam ; Rogero de Wltertun ; Teobaldo de Belhus ; et multis aliis.

ALDERFORD (HALDERFORD).

2. 1302, April 25.—Grant by William de Roos, of Hamelak, knight, to Simon Est and Joan, his wife, of the site of a water-mill with pond and stream in Halderford and Wychingham, to hold to the said Simon and Joan, and Simon's heirs or assigns, of the lords of the fee by the due services for ever. (Warranty clause.)

Duke of Norfolk. Testibus : Alano Houel ; Ada de Lynns ; Ricardo Bricke ; Ricardo Est ; Johanne de Oldebek ; Johanne Le Doo ; Johanne, filio suo ; Nicholao Attumere ; Simone Outebald ; Willelmo Est ; Ricardo Outebald ; et aliis. Dat' apud Hacford die Mercurii in septimana Pasche anno regni Regis Edwardi tricesimo.

3. 1343-4, Jan. 21.—Grant by Edmund Lamberd, goldsmith, citizen of Norwich, to John de Bonyngton, and his brother Henry de Bonyngton, of part of a messuage in Alderford in fee. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Galfrido atte mere ; Willelmo Wegge ; Mauricio Lucas ; Rogero Hardewyne ; Roberto Le Leouns ; et aliis. Dat' apud Alderford die Mercurii in festo Sancte Agnetis Virginis anno regni Regis Edwardi Tercii a conquestu decimo septimo.
Seal broken.

ALGARSTHORP (ASGATESTHORP).

4. 1317, Aug. 6.—Grant by Hubert Hakun, of Great Melton, to Thomas Mimme, citizen of Norwich, of an acre of meadow in Asgatesthorp in fee. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Symone Skilman ; Johanne Skilman ; Johanne Peytevyne ; Willelmo Le Forster ; Willelmo Marchant ; Davyd Le Chapman ; Johanne Scut ; et aliis. Dat' apud Magna[m] Melton' die Sabbati proxima post festum S. Petri ad vincula anno regni Regis Edwardi filii Regis Edwardi undecimo.

ATTLEBOROUGH (ATTLEBURGH).

5. 1482, Sept. 25.—Grant by Thomas Brampton to Thomas Wynter of 16 acres of land in Swangey fields.

AYLSHAM.

6. 1648, Aug. 7.—Minute of surrender by Henry Sedgen and Katherine his wife of the copyhold manor of Aylsham Wood to the use of William Allen, his heirs and assigns.

BACTON (BAKETON) AND WITTON (WYTTUN).

7. [Early 13th century.]—Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Cecilia Lamire, de Boythorp, in ligia viduitate mea concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Johanni, filio Galfridi Yllu, de Boythorp, libero homini meo, pro homagio suo et servicio et pro sexdecim solidis sterlingorum quos michi dedit in gersumam, unum mesuagium et quindecim acras terre cum pertinenciis in villis de Baketuna et de Wyttuna, que antecessores sui tenuerunt de antecessoribus meis per cartam de feofamento, Habenda et tenenda dicto Johanni et heredibus suis, vel cuicumque dare, vendere, legare vel assignare voluerit, exceptis viris religionis, de me et de heredibus meis, libere, quiete, bene, pacifice et hereditarie, Reddendo inde

annuatim mihi et heredibus meis quatuordecim denarios ad *Duke of Norfolk.*
 duos terminos, scilicet, ad festum Sancti Michaelis septem
 denarios et ad Pascha septem denarios, pro omnibus serviciis,
 consuetudinibus, demandis, exactionibus, et pro omni hun-
 dredescot, salva Abbacie Sancti Benedicti de Hulmo per manum
 domini de Baketuna vel eius ballivi annua firma quinque
 summarum brasii de ordeo, et ducentis panibus de ordeo per
 manus eorum, et una galona et dimidia farine avene ad opus
 monachorum dicte abbacie secundum quod antiquitus statutum
 est. (Warranty clause.)

Ut autem hec mea concessio et confirmacio perpetue firmitatis
 robur optineat presens scriptum inpressione sigilli mei signavi.

Hiis testibus : Domino Rogero de Gunetuna ; Willelmo de
 Hekingeham ; Willelmo de Wybrig' ; Johanne de Sancta Fide ;
 Radulfo de Reppes ; Henrico de Dilham ; Godefrido de Fel-
 migham ; Bartholomeo de Gunetuna ; Alano de Rybur ;
 Willelmo, clerico, de Wyttuna ; Warino, parcario ; Stephano
 Pudding ; et aliis.

8. [Early 13th century.]—Notum sit omnibus tam
 presentibus quam futuris quod ego Stefanus de Glanvilla
 dedi et concessi Haigoni le faucuner, sibi et heredibus suis,
 Tenend' de me, et heredibus meis, in feodo et hereditate,
 iij. acras terre de feodo meo de Baketon, scilicet, acram unam
 quam tenuit Asger et duas ulterius in marisco, Reddendo
 annuatim mihi ix.*d.* pro omnibus serviciis, et propter hanc
 donacionem dedit mihi j. marcam argenti de gersuma.

Hiis testibus : Eberardo de Wrthestede ; Johanne de Bekeling' ;
 Galfrido de Hikelinge ; Radulfo de Noble ; Willelmo de Brig ;
 Albano de Swathefeld ; Edwino de Swathefeld ; Magistro
 Johanne de Bradefeld ; Toma de Hanninges.

9. [Mid 13th century.]—Grant by Simon Peche, knight, to
 Hamo of Baketune, his heirs and assigns, for homage and
 service and 40s. given in gersum, of $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of land in
 Baketun. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Willelmo de Wybrigge ; Ricardo et Willelmo,
 filiis suis ; Willelmo, filio Gervasii ; Johanne, filio suo ; Rogero
 del Hil ; Radulfo de Reppes ; Johanne Yllu ; Rogero de
 Baketun' ; Galfrido et Roberto mercatoribus ; Willelmo Le
 Glannvile ; Ricardo, fratre suo ; et multis aliis.

10. 1331, April 27.—Mandate by Edward III. to the Prior
 and Convent of Bromholm for payment by them to John de
 Eltham, Earl of Cornwall, of 20*l.* of yearly rent of Baketon
 manor pursuant to charter of assignment. Teste me ipso
 apud Bermundeseye xxvij. die Aprilis anno regni nostri quinto.

11. 1337, Aug. 18.—Mandate by the same to the same for
 payment of the said 20*l.* to Robert de Ufford, Earl of Suffolk,
 pursuant to charter of assignment upon the death of the
 Earl of Cornwall. Teste me ipso apud . . . Westmonaster'
 xvij. die Aug. anno regni nostri undecimo.

Duke of Norfolk. 12. 1354, June 5.—Power of attorney by John de Ketelestone, of Bromholm, to William Stiande, of Wytton, junior, for delivery of seisin of a piece of turbary and heath in Baketone pursuant to charter. Dat' apud Bromholm die Jovis in septimana Pentecost' anno regni Regis Edwardi Tertii a conquestu vicesimo octavo.

13. 1359–60, Feb. 26.—Power of attorney by Thomas de Wyngfeld and Margery, his wife, to John atte Fen and William Ode for delivery of seisin of Baketon manor called Latymerhall to Sir William de Bergh, clerk, William in the Fen, of Worstede, and his son Peter and Peter's heirs, pursuant to charter. Dat' apud S. Edm. die Mercurii prox' post festum S. Petri in cathedra anno regni Edwardi Tertii a conquestu tricesimo quarto.

Testibus Gilberto de Debenham, Johanne de Cavendish, Willelmo de Dersingham.

Seal.

14. [Late 14th century.]—A lour tres honoure seignour e avowe le Counte de Suff' prent ses chapeleynes le Priour et Covent de Bromholm que com ils teignent de luy le maner de Baketone com del honour de Eye par un fee ferme de vynt li. par an, a quele maner un lete ad este apurtenaunt de touz ceus que sount receyauntes sour le fee de Baketon en les villes de Baketone, Bromholm, Wytton, Pastone, Honynghe et Casewyk, la ount les Ballyves moun seignour le Duk de Lancastre pris et fet jurer un Johan Kyng qui meynt en Pastone sour le fee de la lete de Baketone, e fut en la lete de Baketone, devaunt destre en la lete moun dit seignour le Duk en mesme la vile de Pastone chef plegge, a lour lete avaunt dit tenuz laan dreyn pase en destres de la dite lete de Baketone; et auxint le dit Johan per malevoliaunce ad presente que le dit Priour ad estoppe un comoun chymyn en Wytton, que est en le seural le dit Priour deynz la lete de Baketone ou moun seignour le Duk unke naveyt fee ne seignourie, et auxint ad presente par malice et fet amercier le dit Priour en le vaunt dite lete moun dit seignour le Duk pur la faude de dit Priour en Wytton que est deynz la seignourie de Baketone, le queus amercimenz ils ount aferes a graunt summe, pur la quele le dit Priour fut destreynt hors de lour fees par les berbys de sa dite faude, quele destrece ils enchaserount tanke an maner de Gymyngham, et illock la dit destrece detyntdrent par longe temps tanke ceus a queus les dites berbys furount suirount la deliverance, par quey puy ce temps ils ount retrest lours dites berbys de la faude le dit Priour et issint la ditde faude anenty et defet; et outre ceo le Wygeuer de Pastone par comaundement des dites Ballyves . . . tut dys prest a destreyndr pur les amercimenz avaunt dites deynz la seignourie le dit Priour de Baketone, issint quil ne ose maunder ses charettes a son boys demeyne de Baketone pur carier subboys, bruere ne turbes, pur fowalie aver pur sa quisyne et pestyne, parquey

fet couper de jour en autre les arbres qe sount couverture la *Duke of Priourie*, pur fowalie aver, a graunt meschef et damage de ly *Norfolk.* et soun Covent, par quey prennt les dites Priour et Covent a moun dit seignour le Counte de soun oeyde si luy plect en our de charite.

15. [c. 1375].—Memorandum as to certain rents granted by William Glanvyle to Bromholm Abbey.

16. Memorandum in a fourteenth century hand as to the devolution of Bacton manor after the death of Geoffrey Glanvyle, 1241.

17. 1390–1516.—Among the persons named are John Boydon and John Skeet, and Katherine, daughter of John de Keteleston, 1390; John Belamy and Maud, his wife, and John Buntynge and Emma, his wife, 1393; John Gryns and Simon de Rammeseye and John Chyld, 1396; Thomas Lefsy, junior, and Clare, his wife, and Adam de Folsham, 1403; John Norway and William Waryns, 1456; Sir John Paston and Robert Emson and William Emson, 1492; Margaret, widow of Nicholas Burgh, and Sir Henry Heydon, 1493; William Leche and Henry Lounde, Thomas Lounde and Nicholas Lynsted, Elizabeth, widow of Thomas Skarlet, and John Deye, clerk, 1516.

Some seals.

BANHAM.

18. [Early 13th century].—Omnibus hominibus presens scriptum inspecturis vel audituris Nicholaus, filius Seyve, de Wylebi, salutem: Noveritis me dedisse, concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse Reymundo, filio Ranulfi, de Banham, pro humagio et servicio suo, et pro dimidia marca argenti quam michi dedit in gersumam, totam terram et tenementum quod Hugo, filius Wloine, de Banham aliquando tenuit de me in villa de Banham, et eciam totam terram et tenementum quod Ricardus, filius Roberti, de Banham, aliquando tenuit de me in villa de Banham, que quidem tenementa dictus Hugo et dictus Ricardus vendiderunt dicto Reymundo sicut carte eorum testantur, Habenda et tenenda libere, quiete, jure, hereditarie, de me et heredibus meis, illi et heredibus suis, vel cuicumque dare, vendere, legare vel assignare voluerit, et quando, exceptis viris religiosis, Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis ille et heredes sui novem denarios ad duos terminos anni, videlicet, ad festum Sancti Andree Apostoli quatuor denarios et obolum, et ad Nativitatem Sancti Johannis Baptiste quatuor denarios et obolum, pro omnibus serviciis, consuetudinibus et demandis. (Warranty clause.) In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui.

Hiis testibus: Domino Petro de Keneth; Ricardo, filio Radulfi, de Benham; Willelmo, filio Walteri; Philippo de Walsham; Galfrido, filio Johannis; Willelmo, filio Roberti de

Duke of Norfolk. Bukenham; Roberto de Kokefeld; Nicholao, filio Henrici de Wylebi; Johanne de fossato; et multis aliis.

Seal, broken.

19. 1304, Nov. 2.—Grant by John de Bek, of Banham, to Nicholas de Stanhowe and Isolde, his wife, of 40 acres of land with trees thereon and all appurtenances in Banham, to hold to them, their heirs and assigns, of the chief lords of the fee by the due and wonted services. (Warranty and quitclaim clauses.)

Hiis testibus: Johanne Le Faukoner; Petro de Kedlisworthe; Nicholao de Hennand, de Banham; Andrea le clerk, de eadem; Thoma de Tichewelle, clerico Hundred de Gildecros; Roberto de Banham; Willelmo, filio suo; Willelmo Hoppere; Galfrido de Brecham; et aliis. Dat' apud Banham die Lune proxima post festum Omnium Sanctorum anno regni Regis Edwardi tricesimo secundo.

Seal.

20. 1307, Sept. 29.—Demise by Isolde de Beck, of Banham, to William le Spicer and Petronilla Maundeville and the said William's daughter Margaret of 10 acres of land with appurtenances at Banham for the term of eight years at the yearly rent of a rose, and afterwards for their total lifetime at the yearly rent of 100s. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Willelmo de Crunggethorp; Milone de Hastings; Nicholao de Henand; Andrea le clerk; Willelmo, filio Roberti, de Banham; et aliis. Dat' apud Banham die Veneris in festo Sancti Michaelis Archangeli anno regni Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Edwardi, primo.

Seal.

21. 1307–8, Feb. 3.—Demise by Isolde de Bek, of Banham, to Richard Le Forester, of Estherling, his heirs and assigns, of 40 acres of arable land, with a grange and fold and common of pasturage for 27 sheep, at Banham, for the term of six years. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Johanne de Berdewelle; Johanne Le Faukoner; Johanne de Coldham, de Estherling; Willelmo de Arderne; Andrea le clerk, de Banham; Thoma Coldred, de eadem; Willelmo, filio Roberti, de Banham; et aliis. Dat' apud Banham in crastino Purificationis Beate Marie anno regni Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Edwardi, primo.

22. 1312, May 20.—Release by John, son of John de Bek, of Banham, to Richard Le Forester, of Estherling, and his heirs, of 35 acres of land in Banham. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Johanne Le Moneck, de Garboldisham; Petro de Redliswrthe; Johanne Le Fauconer; Thoma Coldred, de Banham; Willelmo de Arderne; et aliis. Dat' apud Estherling die Sabati proxima post Pentecost', anno regni Regis Eadwardi, filii Regis Eadwardi, quinto.

23. 1313, May 6.—Grant by Isolde de Bek, of Banham, to William, son of Sir William de Crungethorp, and Alice, his wife, of a piece of arable land called Coppedehokwouges in the field of Banham, to hold to them, their heirs and assigns, of the chief lords of the fee, by the due and wonted services for ever. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Johanne, filio Johannis de Bek, de Banham ; Nicholao de Henand ; Willelmo de Banham ; Andrea de Banham, clerico ; Johanne Le Faukoner, de Estherlinges ; Ricardo Le Forester ; et Willelmo de Estherlinges, clerico. Dat' apud Banham die Dominica proxima post festum Inventionis Sancte Crucis anno regni Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Edwardi, sexto.

Seal.

24. [c. 1328.]—Est a remembrer qe Andrea le clerk, William Reymund, Simon Pyk, William Spicer, Rauf Riches, Henry le filtz Hughe, Adam Heved, Simon Sisich de Banham unt enquis qe Emond, filtz et heyr Isolde de Bek, de Banham, nadquit en lan du regne le Roy Edward, filtz le Roy Henry, xxxij., et par tieles evidences qe William le Spicer de Banham prist sa terre en la curt Madame le Mareschale en mesme lan avauntdist et en mesme cel an nadquit sa filie Margarete. Et auxi en mesme cel an est trove per la date del Incarnacion, qe fust anno Domini mcccv^{to}, qe Anneys Pyk, de Banham, morust, qe fust a lenfausement dilavaunt dit Emond avaunt qe ele morust. Et ensement ils unt enquis qe le dit Emond feffa Mons. William de Cleydon dans an et plus avant son pleyn age et avant qe le dit Edmond fust seysi de sa terre. Et pus mesme . . . Edmond vint et se mist en sa terre et prist plener seysine, et en la seysine demora et fist semer les terres et prist tutz les profitz surdauntz, et en sa seysine, et a soun plein age il feffa Henry de Wylby et Thomas Boldred, chapeleyns, a eux et a lour heirs et a lour assignes, de un mes et cynk mesuages et la moyte des terres arables, et a moyte du boys et des prees, et la moyte dil homage et de rente assise, od les apurtenaunces de la dite moyte, lan du regne le Roy Edward qe ore est primer puis le conqueste, et puis apres, qant les dites Henry et Thomas furent seisis un demy an et plus plenerment, le avaunt dit Mons. William de Cleydon atacha Edmond avaunt dit a luy et prist de luy un reles dil autre moyte et le maunda a Banham et le fist lire en le eglise.

25. 1375-1417.—Among the persons named are Reginald Beneytolme, John Prewes and John Sawere and William Smyth, 1375 ; Beatrice Godman and John Regger', 1390 ; Walter atte Gapp and John Derby, William Moorlee and Thomas Derby, 1411 ; Sir William Phelipp, Sir William Bowett, Richard Norton, William Ludyngton, William Skrene, William Swynbourne, John Tirell, Ralph Chamberlayn, Lodewic John Stephen Ingelfeld, John Ewer, Edward Pichard,

Duke of Norfolk. Robert Reynold and Richard Rokell and Katherine, late wife of John Spenser, Esq., Robert Asshefeld, Esq., John Thornham and Peter Payn, 1417.

26. 1429.—Will of Peter Payn, of Banham.

BARNHAM (BERNHAM) AND KIMBERLEY.

27. 1367–77.—Among the persons named are Alexander le Straunge and Master William de Blithe, archdeacon of Norfolk, Robert de Helpeston, clerk, and Richard de Analowby, clerk, 1367; Philip de Carleton, Master William de Blithe, archdeacon of Norfolk, Robert de Helpeston, clerk, Richard de Analowby, clerk, 1370; Simon de Fouldon, chaplain, with others named in a charter of feoffment, and John de Freton, archdeacon of Norfolk, Master Thomas de Schirford, Thomas de Bumpstede, Walter Barker, perpetual vicar of Kymburlee, Richard de Bergh, chaplain, John de Laxton, chaplain, John, chaplain of the parish church of Bernham, Thomas de Taterford, Robert de Westhaghe and William de Sweynesthorp, 1377.

BECKHAM (BECHAM).

28. [c. 1230.]—*Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Ricardus, filius Ranulfi de Dunewyz, concessi ac quietum clamavi pro me et pro heredibus meis Domino Waltero, filio Domini Roberti de Mauteby, et heredibus suis, vel cuicunque et quandocunque dare, vendere, legare vel assignare voluerit, pro quatuordecim marcis sterlingorum quas michi dedit, totum jus et clamium quod habui vel habere potui vel habere debui in toto tenemento cum omnibus pertinenciis quod tenui in villa de Becham de domo Sancte Trinitatis Norwic', Habendum et tenendum hereditarie, integre, libere et quiete, bene et in pace imperpetuum. Et ne ego vel heredes mei contra istam concessionem et huius carte mee quietam clamacionem de cetero venire poterimus, hoc scriptum sibi feci et sigilli mei appositione corroboravi in testimonium.*

Hiis testibus: Domino Roberto, filio Radulfi; Domino Roberto de Curecun; Domino Philippo de Fleg'; Domino Ricardo de Bingham; Willelmo de Bodham; Symone de Boscho; Thoma Le Utlaghe; Willelmo de Felmingham; Thoma de Byrstuna; Galfrido, filio eius; et aliis.

29. 1379–1390.—Among the persons named are John de Ulterton, parson of Harplee, Simon, parson of Walcote, Walter de Ayrich, parson of Westfeld, and Sir Roger de Bekham, 1379; William Wynter and John Brethynham, 1390.

Seals.

BEKERTONE.

30. [c. 1250.]—Grant by Walkelin of Pilrode, of Bekertone, to his daughter Agnes, for her homage and service and 10s. given

in gersum, of a messuage in Bekertone, to hold to her and her assigns, *domo religionis excepta*, at the yearly rent of $1\frac{1}{2}d.$ *Duke of Norfolk.* (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Johanne de Brecales; Petro de Brecales; Willelmo de Estgate; Willelmo Samson; Rogero Le Leche, Roberto Carbonel; Roberto Burri; Waltero de Scropham; et multis aliis.

BESSINGHAM (BASINGHAM).

31. [c. 1170.]—Henricus, Rex Anglie, et Dux Normannie et Aquitanie, et Comes Andegavie, Archiepiscopis, Episcopis, Abbatibus, Comitibus, Justiciariis, Baronibus, Vicecomitibus, Ministris, et omnibus fidelibus suis Anglie et Normannie, salutem: Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse Rodberto, filio Ricardi, de Basingeham, omnes tenuras suas et possessiones quas rationabiliter perquisivit in regno meo, de quocunque eas teneat, videlicet, terras et homines et nemora et prata et omnia alia tenementa, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et eisdem libertatibus, et liberis consuetudinibus, que predictis rebus pertinent. Quare volo et firmiter precipio, quod predictus Rodbertus teneat et possideat hec omnia predicta cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, In bosco et plano, In pratis et pasturis, In aquis et molendinis, In vivariis et trabariis, In viis et semitis, In omnibus locis, et in omnibus rebus, cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad ea pertinentibus. Et sicut carte et cyrographa sua ei testantur, ita bene et in pace, libere et quiete et honorifice habeat et teneat quod nullus ei inde injuriam faciat.

Testibus: Rogero, Eboracensi Archiepiscopo; Gileberto, Lundoniensi Episcopo; Gaufrido, Archidiacono Cantuariensi; Ricardo de Luci; Manesero Biset, Dapifero. Apud London'.

32. [Late 12th century.]—Notum sit omnibus quod ego Walterus Tusard concedo et concessi Roberto, filio Ricardi, de Basingham, terram meam de buc ei et heredibus suis hereditarie, Tenendam de me et heredibus meis pro exercitu et pro omnibus aliis serviciis, Reddendo per unum quemque annum *iiij^{or}* sol', et ut hoc ratum maneat hoc meo sigillo corroboro et confirmo.

Testibus: Willelmo de Bodham; Ricardo de Regetunia; Waltero de Wltert' et Ricardo de Kaletrop; Galfrido, filio Augeri; Johanne de Banningham et Alano de Banningham et Herrem' eius ville; et Agustino de Tutingt'.

33. [Same period.]—Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Robertus, filius Ricardi, maritavi Walterum, filium et heredem meum, filie Roberti Mancell, et si malum evenierit de ipso Waltero, alium heredem meum propinquiorem quicumque fuerit, et si malum contingit de filia Roberti Mancell, cuidam alie filie vel cognate ipsius Roberti ad electionem suam. Dedi coram et concessi et tradidi eidem Waltero, filio et heredi meo, totam terram meam de Basingeham et de

*Duke of
Norfolk.*

Matelasche cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et cum omnibus terris et redditibus quos adquisivi in hundredo de Holt et in duobus hundredis de Herpingeham. Ego vero debeo attornare predictum Walterum, filium meum, omnibus dominis meis de omni tenemento meo ad homagium suum faciendum sicut heredem meum. Et sciendum est quod ego tradidi et concessi prenomiatum Walterum, filium meum, cum omnibus predictis tenementis, Roberto Mancell ad custodiendum donec ipse Walterus etatem habeat quod possit et debeat terram tenere. Et si infra illum terminum malum evenerit de ipso Roberto Mancell, heres suus eandem custodiam habebit sicut eam concessi ipsi Roberto. Pro hoc vero maritagio et pro hac concessione acquietavit me Robertus Mancell versus Jurnettum*, Judeum de Norwico, de quater xx. et x.li. Et mihi dedit x. marcas ad maritand' Sarram, filiam meam. Et ipse Robertus Mancell adjuvabit me pro posse suo ad me deliberandum versus Willelmum de Alverensis de quodam placito quod ipse Willelmus, dominus meus, habet versus me. Et promovebit me in negotiis meis sicut amicum suum facere debet.

Hiis testibus: Wimundo, capellano; Hamone, capellano; Radulfo, capellano; Osberto, filio Hervici; Willelmo de Kerdestan' et Alexandro de Kerdestan'; Gileberto, filio Wimundi Vicecom'; Henrico de Kent; Radulfo de Torp et Rogero de Torp et Ricardo de Berningeham et Rogero de Wicgemar' et Ricardo Hamelle et Rogero Bataill' et Willelmo Esporun et Radulfo de Claro, Petro de Mallinges et Willelmo de Andevilla et Rogero de Baduen; Waltero de Bures.

34. [1311?].—Memorandum of agistment of cattle at Basingham.

35. 1337-1373.—Among the persons named are Sir Robert de Malteby and Sir Anselm Le Mareschal and Thomas de Simplingge, 1337; Sir William de Middleton and Sir John de Mauteby, 1362; Robert Herward and John, son of William Wygot, 1370; Sir John de Mauteby and John Wygot, 1373.

BOWNESS (BOUNES), CUMBERLAND.

36. [*temp.* Ed. II. ?].—Quitclaim by Richard de Stokes to his chief lord, Robert de la Ferte, of a messuage with a bovat of land late holden of him by Geoffrey Hode in the town of Bounes, to hold to the said Robert and his heirs or assigns, doing the King forinsec service so far as pertaining thereto.

Hiis testibus: Domino Johanne de Terriby; Ricardo Domino de Kyrcebride; Rikardo de Boyville; Roberto de Quiteric; Waltero de Baintona; Willelmo de la Ferte; et aliis.

* Cf. *Fines*, ed. Hunter, I. Pref. p. xxiii.

BROADCAR (BRADEKER). *See* SHROPHAM.

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BRESSINGHAM (BRISINGHAM) AND FERSFIELD.

37. [c. 1272].—Grant by Geoffrey, son of William de Framelingham, to Thomas, chaplain, son of John, son of Gilbert, smith, of Fersfeld, his heirs and assigns, for his homage and service, of an acre of arable, with appurtenances, which he bought of Walter, son of Seman, fader, of Strattun, in Brisingham and Fersfeld, devisable and assignable to all the world *domo religionis excepta*. Yearly rent, 4½*d.* Warranty against Christians and Jews for ever.

Hiis testibus: Domino Roberto de Bosco, milite; Johanne de Hoo, de Schelfhangre; Eudone, clerico, de eadem; Roberto de Gissingg'; Willelmo de Walecot'; Willelmo de Wdham; Rogero, filio Reginaldi, de Reyduna; Ricardo, filio Willelmi, de eadem; Willelmo de Bosco, de Brisingham; Waltero, fabro, de eadem; Willelmo Le Barkere, de Schelfhangre; Roberto Ulketel; Willelmo de prato, de eadem; Henrico Le Puylle; Rogero Spylewan, de Brisingham; et aliis.

Seal, broken.

38. 1329 and 1336.—Inventories of chattels at Brisingham manor.

39. 1463–1586.—Among the persons named are Edmund and John Kokyngham and Richard Wodeward and others, 1463; Sir John Pylkyngton and Margaret, his wife, and Joan, daughter of John Hare, 1404; Henry Noon and Richard Wodeward, 1463; Sir Roland Stanley and Sir William Norres, 1560; Edmund Assheton and Sir William Norres, 1560; Edward Standysshe and Sir William Norres, 1560; William Peckett and William Howard and John Cunningham, 1586.

Some seals.

BUNWELL.

40. [Mid-13th century].—Grant by William, son of Geoffrey, of Bunewell, to William, son of William Suiperlac, of Bunewelle, for his homage and service and 5 marks given in gersum, of a piece of land in the field of Bunewelle, to hold to him, his heirs and assigns, in fee at the yearly rent of 8½*d.* (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Walkelino de Bosevile; Willelmo, filio eius; Johanne, filio Ricardi de Karelton'; Rogero Waribald; Ricardo Brid; Waltero de Wesenham; Rogero Norman; Willelmo Persei; Willelmo Perunel; et aliis.

41. 1299, May 7.—Grant by Hugh, son and heir of William de Wytewelle, of Tacolneston, confirming a previous grant by his mother, to Sir John de Torp of 10 denariates of yearly rent in Bunewell. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Ricardo Brid; Ricardo, filio Alicie; Waltero Le Parker; Rogero Norman; Hugone Pekoc; Roberto Scoyt; Ricardo Le Grey; et aliis. Apud Torp die Jovis

Duke of Norfolk. in crastino Sancti Johannis ante Portam Latinam anno rengni [*sic*] Regis Edwardi vicesimo septimo.

42. [c. 1338].—Rental in dower of Beatrice, widow of Sir Robert de Thorp.

43. 1352–1377.—Among the persons named are Robert Swetman and Walter Kyde and Agnes, his wife, 1352; Thomas de Bumstede, William Asger, William de Eton and William de Bumstede and Oliver, son of Thomas, de Brokedysch, 1377; Sir Edmund de Thorp and Thomas de Bumstede, William Asger, William de Eton and William de Bumstede, 1377.

BURLINGHAM (BIRLINGHAM), NORTH.

44. 1369–1422.—Among the persons named are Agnes de Melton and Hervey Clere, 1369; John de Foxlee, Stephen de Birlyingham, chaplain; Thomas Trymman and Thomas Taillour, 1391; Richard, son of Margaret Erlham and John de Foxlee, 1391; Thomas, parson of St. Andrew's church, Northbirlingham, Henry in the Dale of Wrexham and John Porter, of Northbirlingham, and Robert Lacy, of Northbirlingham, 1412; Walter atte Falzrtte, of Northbirlingham, and William Rond, of Randesworth, and John Mabiliye, of Northbirlingham, 1417; John Dunmowe, of Upton, and Geoffrey Eston, John atte Welle and Ranulf Thurkyld, 1420.

45. 1422, Oct. 1.—Grant by William Cavendysssh, citizen and mercer of London, of the manor of Northbirlingham, with all appurtenances to Thomas Roos, John Carpenter, John Welles, John Wasshbourne, John Fauntleroy, John Admond, Thomas Bataill, John Codeford and William Bautre in fee. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Johanne Carbonel, milite; Nicholao Wichyngham, armigero; Roberto Kent; Johanne Honyng; Thoma Hardyngham; Thoma Bacon; Willelmo Sparham; Henrico Lacy; Johanne Mabely; et multis aliis.

Seal, three bucks' heads caboshed.

CAISTER (CASTER).

46. 1464, Sept. 17.—Acknowledgment by William Eustas of receipt from John Paston, the elder, of 100*l.* to the King's behoof, according to appointment made at Marlborough. (*Cf. Paston Letters*, ed. Gairdner, ii. p. 165.)

CALTHORPE.

47. [Mid-13th century].—Grant by Helewise Dubildar, of Erpingham, widow, to Roger, vicar of Caletorp, of a piece of land with a messuage containing 2 acres, 1 rood, in Caletorp, to hold to the said Roger and his successors at the yearly rent of 8*d.* for the lighting of the altar of St. Mary's church, Caletorp.

Hiis testibus: Bartholomeo de Caletorp; Roberto de Erpingham; Rogero de Hok; Matheo, fratre suo; Herberto de Norfolchia; Nicholao de Brendewd; Ricardo Fabro, de Wlturton; Radulfo Carpentario, de Erpingham; Willelmo Trussebut, de eadem; et aliis.

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Seal.

48. [Mid-13th century.]—Grant by Stephen, son of William at the Monastery of Caletorp, to Matthew, son of Simon de Hooc, for his homage and service and 7 marks given in gersum, of 4 acres, 1 rood, of land in Caletorp, to hold to the said Matthew, his heirs and assigns, at the yearly rent of 16*d.* (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Domino Rogero de Caletorp; Ada, fratre suo; Johanne de Erpingham; Roberto de Erpingham; Rogero de Hooc; Roberto de Gernemuta; Nicholao de Brendwd; Willelmo de Wychmere; Ricardo, filio Radulfi clerici; Rogero, fratre eius; Willelmo Hoych; Rogero Trussebut; et aliis.

Seal, broken.

49. [Same period.]—Grant by Matthew, son of Simon de Hoc, of Calethorp, to Hamo, Master, and the Brethren of St. Giles' Hospital, Norfolk, of a messuage in Calethorp, to hold to the said Master and Brethren and their successors in frankalmoin at the rent of 1½*d.* for ever. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Domino Rogero de Calethorp; Ada, fratre eius; Johanne, filio Radulfi, de Erpingham; Rogero de Hoc; Nicholao de Westwude; Rogero Taleboti; Roberto de Erpingham; Rogero Trussebut; Waltero, filio Ricardi, de Wykemere; Willelmo Trussebut; Roberto de Derby; et aliis.

Seal.

50. [Late Hen. III.]—Grant by Roger, son of Simon de Hook, of Calethorp, to St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich, of a messuage beside Calethorp churchyard and three pieces of arable land in Calethorp bequeathed by his brother Matthew to the said Hospital, to hold to the said Hospital by the due and wonted service to Calethorp church for ever.

Hiis testibus: Dominis Willelmo de Calethorp, Rogero de Wlterton, militibus; Bartholomeo de Calethorp; Roberto de Erpingham; Ricardo, Petro et Thoma, fratribus suis; Johanne de Baningham; Thoma Le Jay; Waltero de Boyes; Rogero de Houc; Hamone, fratre suo; et aliis.

Seal.

51. [Same period.]—Quitclaim by John, son of Robert, de Norfouke, to Robert, Master, and the Brethren of St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich, of all right in a mill in Calethorp. Given in gersum, 10*s.*

Testibus: Dominis Willelmo de Calethorp et Rogero de Wlertone, militibus; Bartholomeo de Calethorp; Rogero de Hok, de eadem; Roberto de Erpingham; Alano de

Duke of Norfolk. Hindringham, clerico; Johanne Payn; Johanne Fabro, de Holmstrete; Robert Le Moy; Waltero de Derham; et aliis.

Seal.

52. [Late Hen. III.]—Grant by Robert de Erpingham and Alice, his wife, to St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich, of 4 acres of arable land in Calethorp, to hold to the said Hospital at the yearly rent of 5*d.* quit of all other services but the King's scutage. (Warranty clause.)

Testibus: Dominis Herveo de Stanhowe, Willelmo de Calethorp, Rogero de Wltertone, militibus; Bartholomeo de Calethorp; Rogero de Hok; Willelmo Trussebut; Johanne de Banigham; Waltero, filio suo; Rogero ad ecclesiam; Nicholao Brendwode; et aliis.

Seals.

53. [Same period.]—Grant by Roger atte Chirche, of Calethorp, to St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich, of three pieces of land in Calethorp, to hold to the said Hospital at the yearly rent of 4*d.* (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Dominis Willelmo de Calethorp, Bartholomeo de eadem, Rogero de Wltertona, militibus; Roberto de Erpingham; Johanne, filio suo; Petro et Ricardo, fratribus eiusdem Roberti; Roberto de Martham; Rogero de Holt; Thoma Le Jay, de Wykemere; et aliis.

Seal.

54. [Same period.]—Quitclaim by John at Church, of Caltorp, to St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich, of all his right in 4 denariates of yearly rent of three pieces of land in Caltorp.

Hiis testibus: Domino Waltero de Caltorp; Rogero de eadem; Rogero de Wlturtona; Roberto de Erpingham; Willelmo de Holt; Johanne de Paylwich; Thoma Tucke; et aliis.

55. 1280, Sept. 25.—Quitclaim by Roger de Holt to Robert, Master of St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich, of all his part in the messuage and house called Uphalle in Calethorp. Act' apud Norwicum die Mercurii proxima ante festum Sancti Michaelis anno Domini m^oc^ooctogesimo.

Testibus: Rogero de Thibenharn; Nicholao de Poringlond; Radulfo de Irminglond; Roberto de Martham; Gregorio de Holdhawe; et aliis.

56. 1299–1530.—Among the persons named are John and Robert de Goseford and the Master of St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich, Dec. 8, 1299; Bartholomew de Bynetree, Thomas, Master of St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich, and Roger de Calethorp, 1300–1; Roger Le Monge and the Master of St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich, 1304–5; John Hekker, Master of St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich, and Thomas Baker, chaplain, 1530.

CARDURNOCK (KARDRUNNOC), CUMBERLAND.

57. [*Temp.* Ed. II. ?]—Quitclaim by Richard de Stokis to his chief lord Robert de la Ferte, for a sum of money given him

by the said Robert, of all the land that he had or might have in Kardrunnoc, to hold to the said Robert, his heirs or assigns, doing the King service so far as pertaining thereto. *Duke of Norfolk.*

Hiis testibus : Thoma de Neutuna, Johanne de Terribus, militibus ; Waltero de Bautuna ; Roberto Quiterig ; Ricardo de Boyvilla ; Willelmo de la Ferte ; et aliis.

CARLETON.

58. 1348-9, Feb. 2.—Among the persons named are Nicholas de Hecham and Margaret, his wife ; Bartholomew de Salle ; Richard de Biteryngge ; and John de Sancta Fide, chaplain.

CHEDGRAVE (CHATGRAVE).

59. 1295, Sept. 27.—Grant by John Ferant and Beatrice, his wife, to Thomas Toke, of Langhale, and Avice, his wife, of a messuage, lands and tenements in Chategrave, Hekyngham, Hardele, Langele, Hales and Lodne, to hold to the said Thomas and Avice and the heirs of the said Thomas, and their assigns. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Dominis Petro Rosselyn, Edwardo Charles, Roberto Banyard, Rogero Brompt, Rogero de Hales, Thoma de Heletone, militibus ; Waltero de Cadamo ; Roberto Le Wafre ; Johanne de Ingelose ; Simone Le Grys ; Willelmo de Suthforde ; Stephano de Bungeye ; et aliis.

CLIPPESBY.

60. 1376-7, Jan. 18.—Among the persons named are Robert Buxskyn, William Clere, Richard, parson of Askeby church, Edmund de Clypesby, Thomas de Rollesby, George Seful, Thomas de Pykeryngge, and Joan, daughter of the said Robert Buxskin.

COCKTHORPE (COKETHORP).

61. 1311, Nov. 18.—Final concord made before William de Bereford, John de Mutford, William de Herle, John de Stonore and John de Bousser, justices, between Richer, son of Ralph de Refham, vintner, and Joan, his wife, plaintiffs, and Roger, son of Thomas Bacun, of Bacunesthorp, deforciant, whereby Richer acknowledges the manor of Cokethorp to be Roger's right.

COLBY.

62. 1301, Thursday after the feast of St. Edmund [Rich] of Pontigny.—Acquittance, containing the names Goscelin de Colleby, William de la More, Adam de Balifeld and Adam Balcock.

COLTISHALL (COUTESHALE).

63. [Mid-13th century.]—Grant by Seman Le Blunt to his son Ralph of the tenement held by the grantor's late father,

Duke of Norfolk. Richard, in Couteshale at the date of his death, to hold to the said Ralph and his heirs of the chief lords of the fee at the yearly rent of 7s. 7d. in lieu of all service, &c., save the king's scutage.

Hiis testibus: Thoma de Hautboys; Ricardo, filio eius; Mauricio de Hautboys; Galfrido May; Johanne de Ristone; Johanne, filio eius; Waltero Oliue; Roberto de Kouteshale; Magistro Andrea de Couteshale; Johanne, filio eius; Syquate de Wakroft; Reginaldo de Ristone; et aliis.

COSTESSEY (COSTESEYE).

64. [Late Hen. III.]—Copy, in a fourteenth-century hand, of a deed of this period by which Nicholas de Costeseye, clerk, grants to Sir Hamo, Master, and the Brethren of St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich, 2 acres of land in Costeseye, to hold to them and their successors for ever at the yearly rent of 8d. Given in gersum, 2 marks. (Warranty clause.)

Testibus: Roberto de Pirariis; Radulfo de Erlham; Nicholao de Taverham; Ricardo de Brantistone; Thoma de Eston; Nicholao de Bassingburne; — de Banbur'; Waltero Gerneys; et aliis.

1484, June 27.—Among the persons named are John Smith, clerk, Master of St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich, and Thomas Goos, chaplain.

CRINGLEFORD.

65. [Early 13th century.]—Grant by Roger, son of Richard de Cringelford, to Roger de Rathlesdene, clerk, of a messuage in Cringelford, to hold to the said Roger, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of 1d. Given in gersum, 10 quarters of barley.

Hiis testibus: Johanne Godchep; Ranulfo de Cringelford et Rogero et Willelmo, fratribus suis; Waltero Barun; Roberto, ceraris; Willelmo, mercerio; Ricardo Pinel; Galfrido de Frith; Eudone de Monasterio Sancte Trinitatis; Eudone de pikkeporn; Gilberto de Norwico; et aliis.

Seal.

66. [Same period.]—Grant by Roger de Cringelford to St. Peter's church, Cringelford, of 1 denariate of rent formerly payable to the donor by Roger de Ratlesdene, clerk, in respect of a messuage in Cringelford, to hold to the said church in frankalmoin.

Hiis testibus: Magistro Gilbert the Dwarf; Johanne Godchep; Hugone de Nug'; Ranulfo de Cringelford; Ricardo Pinel; Galfrido del Frith; Roberto le cirer; Eudone de Monasterio; Eudone de pikeporn; Ricardo de pikkeporn.

Seal.

67. [Mid-13th century.]—Confirmation by Ranulf, son of William de Cringelford, to Robert, mercer, of Norwich, for his homage and service, of sale by Gilbert, son of Roger de Norwich,

to the said Robert of land in Cringelford, being part of the said Duke of Ranulf's fee, with other lands, to hold to the said Robert, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of 31*d.* and 1*l.* of cumin in lieu of all services, &c., save the king's scutage. Given in hand, $\frac{1}{2}$ mark. *Duke of Norfolk.*

Hiis testibus: Alexandro de Vals; Thoma de Sancto Audomaro; Radulfo Malerbe; Johanne Le Bretun; Hugone de Risinge; Waltero de Karletuna; Willelmo de Manegrene; Roberto Picot; Rogero de Cringelford; Galfrido, filio eius; Waltero Barun; Hugone Barun; Willelmo de Reymerestona; Sybrond de Cunesford; Henrico de Suthgathe; Ricardo de Dicleburc; Symone, filio Johannis; Simone Wrinel; Simone Alto; Johanne Cnoch; Jake, fratre eius; Roberto Cirer; et aliis.

Seal.

68. [Mid-13th century.]—Grant by the same to the same, for his homage and service and 2 marks given in gersum, of 1 acre in Cringelford, to hold to him, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of 2*d.* (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Alexandro de Vallibus; Thoma de Sancto Audomaro; Waltero de Carletuna; Willelmo de Carletuna; Willelmo de Bukenham; Willelmo de Curzun; Magistro Gileberto; Simone de Hedersett; Waltero Barun; Adam Grobi; Johanne de Dunstun; Symone Le Franceis; Gilberto Le Franceis; et aliis.

Seal.

69. [Same period.]—Grant by John de Wallibus, knight, son of Sir Alexander de Wallibus, to Henry de Heylesdun, of Norwich, for his homage, service and 100*s.* given in gersum, of the water called Cringelfordehee with all fishing rights, boats and nets pertaining thereto, to hold to the said Henry, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of a pair of gloves of the value of 2*d.* (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Radulfo Le Malherbe; Johanne Reit; Johanne Le Dene; Johanne de Tyvile; Willelmo de Teweyt; Gregorio de Holdhae; Willelmo, filio Nicholai, de Dunestuna; Radulfo de Colneya; Radulfo de Kiningham; Willelmo de Berford; Waltero Barun; Willelmo Barun; Johanne, clerico, de Nedham.

Seal.

70. [Same period.]—Grant by Walter Barun and Hugh Barun, of Cringilford, to Roger, son of William de Stalham, for his homage and service and 5*s.* given in gersum, of a piece of land in Cringilford, to hold to the said Roger, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of 2*d.* (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Alexandro de Vallibus; Herueio . . . ; Johanne de Vallibus; Alexandro de Hws; Willelmo de Cringilford; Waltero de Carletune; Willelmo de Manegrene; et multis aliis.

71. [Late Hen. III.]—Confirmation by William, son of Ranulf de Cringelford, of a grant by Richard, parson of

Duke of Norfolk. Bramertone, of 3 acres of arable land in Cringelford to Hamo, Master, and the Brethren of St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich, and their successors in frankalmoin.

Testibus: Willelmo Le Dene; Radulfo de Tivile; Willelmo de Mangrene; Johanne Picot; Eustacio de Carleton; Willelmo de Thweyt; Waltero Barun; Radulfo Le Clerc; et aliis.

Seal.

72. [Late Hen. III.]—Grant by Roger Bigod, of Hederse, to Sir Hamo, Master, and the Brethren of St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich, of two pieces of arable land in Cringelford, to hold to the said Master and Brethren and their successors at the yearly rent to the chief lords of the fee of 4*d.* (Warranty clause.)

Testibus: Johanne de Vallibus; Nicholao de Dunstona; Johanne Pykot; Radulfo de Tyvile; Henrico de Heylesdona; Willelmo de Bereford; Willelmo de Cringelford; Waltero Barun; et aliis.

73. [Same period.]—Grant by Walter, son of Walter Barun, of Cringelford, to Sir Hamo, Master, and the Brethren of St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich, for 18*s.* given in gersum, of his share in a meadow in Cringelford, to hold to the said Master and Brethren and their successors at the yearly rent of $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* besides the king's scutage. (Warranty clause.)

Testibus: Gregorio de Oldhawe; Johanne de Vallibus; Willelmo de [Tewe]yt; Radulfo de Tyvile; Radulfo de Colneye; Willelmo de Bereford; Willelmo de Cringelford; Henrico de Heylesdone; Willelmo . . . ; Johanne Elewine (?); et aliis.

74. [Same period.]—Grant by William, son of Ranulf de Cringelford, to Nicholas, son of Ralph, for his homage and service and 4*s.* given in gersum, of 1 rood of land in Cringelford field, to hold to the said Nicholas, his heirs or assigns, except men of religion and Jews, at the yearly rent of $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* in lieu of all service save the king's scutage. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Radulfo de Tivile; Simone de Hederse; Waltero de Carletona; Willelmo filio Radulfi; Eustacio de Curzon; Waltero Barun; Hugone Barun; Waltero de Runhale; Simone de Meltona; Willelmo Le Dene; Radulfo de Colneie; Willelmo de Bec; et aliis.

Seal.

75. [Same period.]—Quitclaim by Geoffrey Plege, of Norwich, to Robert de Redham, of all right in 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land in Cringelford fields, being of the fee of the Prior and Convent of Norwich.

Hiis testibus: Willelmo de Hakeford; Willelmo de Cringelford; Willelmo Le Dene; Waltero Barun; Hugone Barun; Huberto le tanur; Roberto Curtehouse; Burnardo le mercer; Ricardo de Kerbroc; et aliis.

Seal, broken.

76. [Late Hen. III.]—Grant by Henry de Heylesdona to Henry Gardon, of Cringelford, for his homage and service and 2 marks given in gersum, of a piece of land in Cringelford, to hold to the said Henry, his heirs or assigns, except religious houses and Jewry, at the yearly rent of 6*d.* (Warranty clause.) *Duke of Norfolk.*

Hiis testibus : Willelmo de Bereford ; Willelmo de Cringelford ; Willelmo Le Cunte ; Hugone Tonsore ; Waltero Barun ; Willelmo Barun ; Johanne Picot ; Nicholao de Dunstona ; Radulfo de Tivile ; Radulfo de Colneye ; Johanne Elwine ; Johanne Page ; et aliis.

Seal.

77. 1299, June 8.—Quitclaim by Maud, relict of Walter Barun, of Cringelford, to Sir Thomas de Hemmesby, Master, and the Brethren of St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich, of all her right by way of dower or otherwise in the lands, meadows and rents acquired by the said Master and Brethren of her late husband in Cringelford.

Hiis testibus : Domino Ricardo Hacun, Domino Radulfo Marreble, militibus ; Willelmo de Colneye ; Johanne Tyvyle ; Henrico de Eylisdona ; Ada de Bereford ; Andrea Waleys ; et aliis. Dat' apud Cringelford die Lune proxima Pentecosthen anno regni Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Henrici, vicesimo septimo.

Seal.

78. 1333-4—1460.—Among the persons named are the Master of St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich, and William de Berford, of Cringleford, 1333-4 ; Thomas Wetherley, Simon Felbrigge, Sir John Clyfton, Master Thomas Rynghsted, clerk, John Heydon, Robert Chapeleyn, Walter Witherby, 1441 ; Margaret Sawyer, John Cosyn and John Selot.

CROMER (CRAWMER).

79. 1355-6, Jan. 27.—Among the persons named are Robert de Caustone, knight, and Cecilia, his wife, and Edmund de Weylond, knight, and John Hasting.

Three seals, broken.

DEDEHOLM.

80. [Ante 1175.]—Notum sit omnibus Christi fidelibus quod ego Willelmus, Dei gratia, Norwicensis Episcopus ratam habeo et confirmo Roberto, pincerne meo, illam concessionem et donacionem quam Johannes Prior et Conventus Norwicensis ei concessit et dedit, uidelicet, sex acras terre in Dedeholm quas Nigellus de Ecclesia Norwicensi tenuerat et spontaneus eis reddidit, Tenendas ei et heredibus eius libere et hereditarie, Reddendo annuatim Ecclesie Norwicensi pro omni consuetudine xviii. denarios. Hanc quoque concessionem meam presenti scripto confirmo et sigillo meo corroboro.

Testibus : Willelmo, Archidiacono ; Gaufrido, dapifero ; Magistro Stangr' ; Nicholao ; Rogero, clerico ; Radulfo, filio

Duke of Norfolk. Saffridi ; Ricardo de Ramesle ; Godefrido ; Willelmo Catt ; Joscelino, fratre Archidiaconi ; Roberto de Waltona ; Fulcherio ; Passavant ; Henrico, filio Philippi ; et multis aliis.

DEOPHAM (DEPHAM). *See* REPPES IN FLEGG.

DICKLEBURGH (DIKILBURG').

81. [Mid-13th century.]—Grant by Etheldreda, daughter of William Alexander, of Dikilburg, to Stephen and Seman, sons of Henry Hernald Lenenman, of the same place, for his homage and service and 12s. given in gersum, of a piece of arable land in Dikilburg field, to hold to the said Stephen and Seman, their heirs or assigns, except religious houses and Jewry, at the yearly rent of 2*d.* in lieu of all services, &c., except the king's scutage. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Radulfo Carbunel, milite, de Dikilburgo ; Rogero de Cruce ; Johanne de Semere ; Willelmo, filio Petri Siward ; Galfrido Mecsager ; Johanne Seman ; Alano, filio Elene ; Radulfo Gowyne ; Godefrido Gowyne ; et aliis multis.

DICKLEBURGH (DICLEBURCH') AND SEMERE.

82. [Mid-13th century.]—Grant by Roger, son of Richard Canun, of Semere, to Roger de Cruce and Maud, his wife, for their service and homage and 9s. given in gersum, of a piece of meadow and a piece of arable land in Semere, to hold to them and their heirs and assigns, except religious houses and Jews, at the yearly rent of 1*d.* (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Thoma de Semere ; Semanno de Semere ; Willelmo, filio Roberti ; Ricardo Freman ; Thoma, filio clerici ; Ricardo Clemente ; Bartolomeo Le Parmenter ; Waltero, filio Elye, de Shimplinges ; Waltero, filio capellani ; et multis aliis.
Seal.

83. [Late Hen. III.]—Grant by Thomas Le Brun, of Lincroft, to Thomas, son of Roger de Cruce, of one denariate and a half of yearly rent, payable in respect of a piece of land in Semere, to hold to the said Thomas, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of a red apple. Given in hand, 18*d.* (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Johanne de Semere ; Johanne, filio Semanni, de eadem ; Waltero de Mora, de eadem ; Willelmo, filio Petri Siward ; Waltero Laurens ; Waltero Curming, de Lincroft ; Galfrido Curming', de eadem ; Johanne Bolle ; et aliis multis.

84. [Same period.]—Grant by William, son of John Le Canun, of Semere in Dikilburg, to Thomas, son of Roger de Cruce, for his homage and service and 30s. given in gersum, of a piece of land in Semere field, to hold to the said Thomas, his heirs or assigns, except religious houses and Jews, at the yearly rent of 4*d.* (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Johanne de Semere ; Rogero de Cruce, de eadem ; Willelmo, filio suo ; Willelmo, filio Roberti ; Johanne, filio Semanni, de Semere ; Petro, filio Radulfi Ordmore ; Thoma,

cissore ; Johanne, Henrico, Huberto, filiis Willelmi ; Willelmo, *Duke of Norfolk*, filio Petri Syward ; Ada Coleman ; et multis aliis.

85. [Late Hen. III.]—Grant by Adam, the younger, son of the knight of Tivetesale, to Thomas de Cruce, for his homage and service and 4s. given in gersum, of four denariates of yearly rent payable in respect of two pieces of land in Semere, to hold to the said Thomas, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of a clove of gillyflower. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Domino Radulfo Carbunel ; Domino Johanne de Rinesale ; Domino Ada de Gissing' ; Johanne de Semere ; Rogero de Cruce ; Roberto de Dicleburg' ; Johanne Seman ; Huberto, filio Willelmi ; Waltero de Mora ; et multis aliis.

86. [Same period.]—Grant by Geoffrey Grigge, of Semere, to Thomas de Cruce, of Semere, for his homage and service and $\frac{1}{2}$ mark given in gersum, of $1\frac{1}{2}$ acre of land in Semere, to hold to the said Thomas, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of $\frac{1}{2}d.$ (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Domino Roberto de Bosco, Domino Ada de Gissing, milites [*sic*] ; Ricardo de Campo, de Tiveteshal ; Ricardo, mercatore, de eadem ; Rogero de Cruce, de Semere ; Willelmo, filio eius ; Johanne de Semere ; Huberto, filio Hugonis, de eadem ; et aliis.

87. [Same period.]—Grant by Roger de More, of Semere, to Thomas de Cruce, of Semere, for $\frac{1}{2}$ mark given in gersum, of a piece of meadow and herbage, to hold to the said Thomas, his heirs and assigns, at the yearly rent of $\frac{1}{2}d.$ (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Johanne de Caston' ; Johanne de Semere ; Johanne Seman, de Semere ; Rogero de Cruce ; Willelmo, filio suo ; Galfrido Le Messenger ; Waltero Lauranus [*sic*] ; Waltero de Mora ; Huberto, filio Hugonis ; Waltero Curming ; Galfrido Curming ; Rogero Batalye ; et multis aliis.

88. [Late 13th century.]—Grant by Thomas, son of John de Uphalle, in Tiuteshale, to Roger de la Croyz, of Semere, for his homage and service, of tenements in Dicleburch and Semere, to hold to the said Roger, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of 8s. (Warranty clause.) Given by way of gersum, 40*l.*

Hiis testibus : Roberto de Gissing' ; Guydone Le Bretun ; Johanne de Kettleberg' ; Ricardo de campo, Henrico de bosco, de Tiuteshale ; Ada Marescal ; Willelmo, filio Roberti de Semere ; Gilberto Freman ; Galfrido Freman ; Thoma, filio Walteri, clerici de Dicleburch' ; Waltero, filio sacerdotis, de Simplinge ; et aliis.

89. [Same period.]—Grant by Walter Le Canun, of Semere, to Thomas de la Croyz, of Semere, for his homage and service and 2s. given in gersum, of $2\frac{1}{2}d.$ of yearly rent receivable of Roger de la Croyz, and $1d.$ of such rent receivable of

Duke of Norfolk. Roger Le Canun, of Semere, to hold to the said Thomas, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of one costard apple. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Domino Henrico de Rineshale; Domino Roberto de Bosco; Domino Ada de Gissinge; Stephano, de eadem; Henrico Baldewine, de Simplinge; Waltero, filio presbiteri, de eadem; Willelmo, filio Roberti, de Semere; Johanne, de eadem; Willelmo Prike, de eadem; Willelmo, filio Rogeri de Cruce, de eadem; et aliis.

90. 1296, July 29.—Grant by Alice, daughter of Roger de Cruce, of Semere, to Simon Ban, of Semere, and Agnes, his wife, for their homage and services and 5 marks given in gersum, of a messuage and 2 acres of land in Dicleburg, to hold to the said Simon and Agnes, their heirs and assigns, of the chief lord of the fee, at the yearly rent of 8*d.* (Warranty clause.)

Dat' apud Dicleburg' die Dominica proxima ante festum ad vincula Sancti Petri anno regni Regis Eadwardi, filii Regis Henrici xxiiij. Hiis testibus: Johanne de Castona; Johanne de Semere; Galfrido Le Messenger; Willelmo de Cruce; Waltero Lauerns; Thoma Ban; Simone Knot; Huberto de Semere; Rogero Elsy; et aliis.

91. 1303–1532.—Among the persons named are Letice, widow of Walter de More, and her son Thomas, 1302–3; William de Cruce, Simon Ban and Agnes, his wife, 1305; Geoffrey Le Messenger, of Dickleburgh, and Maud, his wife, and William de Cruce and Catherine, his wife, 1308–9; William Knot and his brother Richard, 1316; William Tailor and Robert de Grawene, 1317; Roger de Dicleburgh and Sir John de Melleford, 1322; John de Melforde, John de Tybenham, Joan, his wife, and their son John, 1334; Richard Lauerancz, John de Tybinham and Joan, his wife, 1337; Thomas Pethon and John de Tybinham and Joan, his wife, 1338.

Later deeds continue the history of this manor as far as the reign of Elizabeth.

DILHAM.

92. [Early 13th century.]—Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Agnes Skip, de Walsham, concessi, dedi, et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Henrico, filio meo, et heredibus suis uel suis assignatis, et heredibus assignatorum, pro homagio et seruicio suo, et pro decem solidis argenti quos mihi dedit in gersumam, unam rodam terre inclusam in campo de Dilham inter terram Stephani tinctoris uersus orientem et terram Rogeri Godard uersus occidentem, et abuttat super Maderestoft uersus austrum et super terram Benedicti, filii Roberti, uersus aquilonem, Tenendam et habendam de me et heredibus meis illi et heredibus suis libere, quiete, bene, pacifice et hereditarie imperpetuum, Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis unum obulum ad festum Sancti Michaelis pro omni seruicio, consuetudine et exactione. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Eustacio de Wrthestede; Philippo de Wrthestede; Willelmo Godard; Petro Godard; Rogero de Briggate; Thomas Unspac; Richero de Ling; Willelmo, filio Stephani; Johanne, filio sacerdotis; Philippo Brun; Galfrido de Arnes-hil; Nicholao de Vernun; et aliis. *Duke of Norfolk.*

Seal, broken.

93. 1297, Aug. 11.—Grant by William, son of Sir William de Gyneye, knight, to Roger Berte, of Wrthestede, and Maud, his wife, for 13 marks given in gersum, of two pieces of land in Dilham field, to hold to the said Roger and Maud, their heirs or assigns, of the chief lords of the fee by the due and wonted services. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Reginaldo, filio Philippi, de Wrthestede; Radulfo, filio Eustachii; Ricardo Seyve; Hermero de Stowe; Adam Wacy; Petro Godard; Philippo Godard; Thoma, filio Willelmi; Willelmo Lagheman; Henrico de Brockelee; et aliis. Dat' apud Dilham Dominica proxima post festum Sancti Laurencii anno regni Regis Edwardi vicesimo quinto.

Seal.

94. 1297, Aug. 18.—Grant by Sir Roger de Gyneye, knight, to Roger Berte, of Wrthestede, and Maud, his wife, for their homage and service, of two pieces of land in Dilham field, to hold to the said Roger and Maud, their heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of 6*d.* in lieu of all services, &c., save the king's service. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Reginaldo, filio Philippi, de Wrthestede; Radulfo, filio Eustachii; Ricardo Seyve; Bartholomeo Herm; Stephano, fratre suo; Petro Godard; Philippo Godard; Nicholao Wype; Johanne, filio suo; Thoma, filio Willelmi; Willelmo Lagheman; Henrico Brockelee; et aliis.

Dat' apud Dilham Dominica proxima post festum Assumptionis Beate Marie Virginis anno regni Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Henrici, vicesimo quinto.

DUNTON.

95. [Early 13th century.]—Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Radulfus de Duntune, miles, concessi et dedi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Rogero, filio Gilberti, de Duntune, pro homagio et servicio suo, et pro quatuor marcis argenti quas mihi dedit in gersumam, tres pecias terre mee cum pertinenciis in campis de Duntune (dimensions). Illi et heredibus suis vel cuicumque dare vel vendere voluerit, exceptis domibus religionis, Habend' et tenend' de me et heredibus meis in feodo et hereditate, libere et quiete et pacifice, Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis quatuor denarios de censa, scilicet, ad festum Sancti Michaelis unum denarium, et ad festum Sancti Thome Apostoli unum denarium, et ad festum Annunciationem Beate Marie unum denarium, et ad festum Sanctorum Petri et Pauli unum denarium, pro omni servicio et consuetudine et exaccione. (Warranty clause.) Et in

Duke of Norfolk. huius rei testimonium huic scripto presenti sigillum meum apposui.

Hiis testibus : Hugone de Pinkeni ; Henrico, fratre eius ; Philippo, filio Willelmi de Sengham ; Philippo, filio Mathei de Sengham ; Nicholao, filio Symeonis ; Johanne, filio Margarete, de Taterford ; Rogero, filio Hugonis, de Schireford ; Rogero, filio Johannis, de Schireford ; Godefrido, filio Ricardi, de Schireford ; Alano, fader, de Doketune ; Galfrido, clerico de Rudham.

Seal.

ERPINGHAM, NORTH, HUNDRED.

96. [12th-13th century.]—Sciant omnes qui sunt et qui venturi sunt, quod ego Willelmus de Clere do et concedo Ricardo, filio Bondi, terram quam tenebat de Willelmo de Camei et postea de Johanne de Camei, nepoti suo, Tenendam in feudo et in hereditate de me et de meis heredibus, Reddendo dimidiam marcam per annum pro omnibus consuetudinibus excepto hoc quod ipse ibit ad mea placita in Norfolcia ; et postea dedi ei incrementum Reginaldum Bleuz, qui reddet ei per annum 2 sol., et pro illo Reginaldo nichil dabit mihi nisi de scutagio, scilicet 3 nummos ad uiginti sol. ; et inde dedit mihi de recognitione 10 sol.

Huius rei sunt testes : Adam, frater domini, et Willelmus de Felebrige, et Willelmus, filius Toke, sacerdotis, de Sufeld, et Radulfus de Helmingham, et Ricardus, frater eius, de Beccham, et Julianus, consanguineus Ricardi, filii Bundi, et Thomas, armiger Willelmi de Felebrige, et Robertus, pellitarius, et Manne, carpentarius, et multi alii qui fuerunt ubi hanc conuentionem fecerunt.

FILBY.

97. 1351.—Among the persons named are Richard de Illeye, grantor of the third part of the manor of Filby called Holmhalle, and William de Topecroft, burgess of Great Yarmouth, grantee.

GEDNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

98. [Early 13th century.]—Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Hugo de Stabulo dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Willelmo, filio Rogeri de Suttuna, pro humagio et seruicio suo, unam acram turbarii quam teneo de Matheo Cristien, que jacet inter turbarium meum et turbarium Ricardi, fratris de Gedeneye, cuius unum capud [*sic*] tendit penes oriens, relicum penes occidents, Tenendam et habendam de me et heredibus meis, illi et heredibus suis, libere, quiete, pacifice et honorifice et hereditarie, Reddendo inde annuatim duos denarios pro omnibus seruiciis et demandis et secularibus exaccionibus ad unum terminum, scilicet in die nativitatatis Sancte Marie. (Warranty clause.) Set cum predictus

Willelmus et heredes sui secundum placita sua turbas abduxerint, fundicus illius turbarii redibit libere et quiete et pacifice in manus meas et in manus heredum meorum. *Duke of Norfolk.*

Hiis testibus: Roberto de Marisco; Radulfo, clerico; Willelmo, filio Elgari; Johanne, filio Rogeri, presbiteri; Symone, clerico; Johanne, filio Nicholai; Hugone, clerico; et multis aliis.

GUIST (GEYSTE).

99. 1296, Nov. 4.—Grant by Richard atte Laches, of Geyste, and Margaret, his wife, to William atte Brygge, of Geystweyt, and his heirs, for their service and 10s. given in hand, of a piece of land at Howelond in Geyste, to hold to the said William, his heirs and assigns, doing due and wonted service to the chief lords of the fee. (Warranty clause.)

Testibus: Domino Thoma Gereberge, milite; Philippo, filio Johannis, de Northone; Johanne Le Gros, de eadem; Thoma atte Wde, de Geyste; Hugone de Suthgate, de eadem; Nicolao Le Barkere; Johanne Lutting; et aliis. Dat' apud Geyste die dominica proxima ante festum Sancti Martini, 24 Edw. I.

HADDISCOE (HADESCHO).

100. 1294, April 22.—Grant by Peter de Wade, of Hadescho, to Roger, chaplain, of Runham, for 7s. given by way of gersum, of 1 acre of juncary in Hestemerys, to hold to him, and his heirs for ever, of the chief lords of the fee, at the yearly rent of $\frac{1}{2}d$. (Warranty clause.)

Witnesses: Galfrido de Wade; Johanne, filio suo; Waltero de Hus; Roberto, filio suo; Ricardo de Bungeye; Thoma, filio suo; Godefrido Gurnet; Johanne, filio suo; Roberto de Playforde; Johanne, filio suo; Ada de Haldahe; Simone, filio suo; et aliis. Dat' apud Hadescho die Jovis in septimana Pasche anno regni Regis Edwardi vicesimo secundo.

HALE.

101. 1351—1452.—Manors of Hill Hale, Holm Hale, Whites and Groos. Among the persons named are: Richard de Illeye and William de Topecroft, 1351; Sibil, widow of Sir Roger Boys, and John Bryd, 1424; Sibil Boys, Sir Miles de Stapilton, and Lady Sibil Boys, 1451; and Laurence Bothe, Master of Pembroke Hall, 1452.

HALES.

102. [Early 13th century.]—Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Cecilia, filia Helie de Hekingham, concessi et dedi et hac mea carta confirmavi Magistro Waltero de Raveningham, pro humagio suo et servitio suo, et pro iiij. solidis de gersuma, totam partem meam de parco iuxta Hales quod fuit Jocelini de Lodnes. et totam partem meam de Branteshae, scilicet, iiij. acras terre, illi et Olive, uxori sue, et Willelmo, filio suo,

Duke of Norfolk. et heredibus suis, tenendas de me et de heredibus meis in feudo et hereditate, libere et quiete et honorifice pro iiij. denariis mihi et heredibus meis annuatim reddendis ad festum Sancti Michaelis pro omnibus servitiis et consuetudinibus et exactionibus.

Hiis testibus : Galfrido de Lodnes ; Alexandro de Kirkeby ; Alano de Hekingham ; Thoma, filio Willelmi ; Herberto de Rochae ; Willelmo de Watac' ; Willelmo Le Waufre ; Willelmo Wacelin ; Willelmo de Arches ; Waltero et Roberto, filiis Rogeri de Ravenigham ; et multis aliis.

103. [Late Hen. III.]—Universis hoc presens scriptum visuris vel audituris Rogerus de Hales, miles, salutem in Domino sempiternam : Noverit universitas vestra quod cum Henricus de Hales, clericus, et Robertus, frater eius, excambiaverint Waltero de Cadamo duas pecias terre cum pertinenciis in Hales, continentes circiter unam acram et unam rodam terre quas iidem Henricus et Robertus de me tenuerunt in capite de feodo de Upgate, et se et heredes ipsius Henrici obligaverint ad predictum Walterum et heredes suos de omnimodis serviciis inde debitis versus quoscunque acquietare : ego prefatus Rogerus, predicta excambium et acquietanciam rata habens et grata, predictas pecias terre, cum pertinenciis, eidem Waltero per presens scriptum pro me et heredibus meis confirmo tenendas ipsi Waltero et heredibus suis prout carta quam idem Walterus inde habet de predictis Henrico et Roberto testatur. In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui.

Hiis testibus : Johanne de Ingelose ; Willelmo Dages ; Willelmo de Suthford ; Rogero de Suthwode ; Roberto de Vernoun ; Adam de Pulham ; Waltero Sharp ; Roberto Sharp ; et aliis.

Seal.

104. 1252, Aug. 25.—Inspeximus by Walter, Bishop of Norwich, of a charter of Sir Roger de Hales liberally endowing St. Andrew's chantry, Hales.

Hiis testibus : Magistro Roberto de Insula, Archidiacono Colecestr' ; Thoma de Theya, capellano ; Willelmo de Whitewell, Willelmo de Pakeham, Thoma de Walkote, et Willelmo de Ludham, clericis ; Egidio de Whitewell ; Willelmo de Ditton' ; Willelmo de Wichingham ; et aliis. Dat' apud . . . tring' viij. Kal. Septembr' anno Domini millesimo ducentesimo quinquagesimo secundo.

Seal, broken.

105. 1352, Oct. 2.—Grant by Marten, of Woodside, to Robert Le Koo and Beatrice, his wife, of a messuage with adjacent croft and lands in Hales.

Dat' apud Hales die Martis proxima post festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli anno regni Regis Edwardi Tercii [a conquestu] vicesimo sexto.

HALVERGATE (HALLEGATE).

*Duke of
Norfolk.*

106. [Late 13th century.]—Grant by William, son of William, son of Maud de Randewrth, to his mother Margery of a piece of land in the field of Hallegate, to hold to her, her heirs or assigns, of the chief lord of the fee for ever, at the yearly rent of 3*d.* (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Johanne de Enepol; Stephano de Cotingham; Willelmo Smelte; Willelmo, clerico; Waltero de Beckham; Willelmo Cobbe; Alexandro Cobbe; et aliis.

HAPPISBURGH.

107. 1347, Nov. 4.—Memorandum of charge by Henry Newman of 1 acre of arable land in Hapisburg and a piece of land with appurtenances in Riston with the payment of 10 marks to John Attehil. *Dat' apud Riston die dominica proxima post festum Omnium Sanctorum anno rengni (sic) Regis Edwardi Tercii a conquestu vicesimo primo.*

HAPTON (HABETON).

108. [c. 1250.]—Grant by John, son of Robert Le Ko, of Habeton, to Roger Sibald, and Avelina, his wife, and their son Robert, of a messuage, with appurtenances, in Habeton, to hold to them, their heirs and assigns, in fee for ever, at the yearly rent of 3*d.* to the lords of Fundenhale Court, and quit of all service, &c., except ¼*d.* yearly on account of the King's scutage. Paid by way of gersum, 6 marks.

Hiis testibus: Johanne de Thorp; Ricardo, filio Alicie; Walter Le Parker; Roberto de Nethergate; Johanne Coleman; Ricardo attchae; Henrico, clerico; Rogero Angot; et aliis.

109. 1383, Sept. 13.—Grant by Robert Herbard, of Fornyscet, to Richard Beaselyn, of Hapton, of a piece of arable land in the field of the said town, to hold to the said Richard, his heirs and assigns, of the chief lord of the fee by the due and wonted services for ever. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Nicholao de Walsham; Johanne Randolf; Ricardo Hobbes; Willelmo Everard; Thoma Vyncent; Johanne Beaselyn; et aliis. *Dat' apud Hapton' die dominica proxima post festum Nativitatis Beate Marie Virginis anno regni Regis Ricardi secundi a conquestu septimo.*

Seal.

HARDLEY (HARDELE).

110. [Early 13th century.]—Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Johannes Dei gratia Norwicensis Episcopus salutem in Domino. Universis notum esse volumus nos concessisse et dedisse Rogero de Gillingham, clerico, ecclesiam de Hardele, et ipsum in eadem ecclesia personam canonicè instituisse ad presentationem Roberti de Gillingham eiusdem ecclesie patroni. Hanc itaque ecclesiam cum omnibus ad ipsam pertinentibus memorato Rogero confirmamus, et

Duke of Norfolk. ut hec nostra concessio et institutio perpetuam optineat firmitatem, eam presenti scripto et sigilli nostri appositione corroboramus.

Testibus : Thoma Britone ; Eustachio, capellano ; Magistro Waltero de Calna ; Gaufrido, decano Norwicensi.

111. [Early 13th century.]—Notum sit omnibus presentibus et futuris ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit, quod ego Robertus de Gillingham et heredes mei reddidimus et quiete clamavimus Rogero Bacun et heredibus suis advocacionem et donacionem ecclesie de Hardele inperpetuum, unde placitum fuit inter me et eundem Rogerum in curia Domini Regis, pro quindecim marcis argenti quas idem Rogerus mihi dedit, et pro uno redditu xx^{ti} et duorum denariorum percipiendi de Rogero Binello et heredibus suis mihi et heredibus meis annuatim in Nortona. Et ego Robertus predictus et heredes mei debemus reddere prefato Rogero Bacun et heredibus suis de eodem annuo redditu unum denarium per annum, scilicet, ad festum Sancti Michaelis, libere, quiete et honorifice, pro omni servicio et consuetudine et exactione. Hunc prescriptum redditum prefatus Rogerus Bacun et heredes sui debent mihi et heredibus meis warrantizare contra omnes homines et omnes feminas per prescriptum servicium finabiliter.

Hiis testibus : Willelmo de Warenne ; Radulfo de Rovecestria ; Waltero de Crepinge ; Phylippo de Paveli ; Galfrido Jordin ; Willelmo Le Wafre ; Ricardo filio Ursi ; Willelmo de Hemsted ; et multis aliis.

112. [Same period.]—Inspeximus of the foregoing document by Master Ranulf de Warham, official of the Bishop of Norwich ; also inspeximus and confirmation of a composition by R[alph] and A[dam], Abbots of St. Osith's and St. John's, Colchester, and H[ascoil], Prior of St. Botolph's, Colchester, of a cause between Geoffrey, Archdeacon of Suffolk, and Roger, parson of Hardele church, referred to their jurisdiction by Pope Innocent III., which composition is to the effect that the said Roger granted to the said Geoffrey the said church with all its appurtenances to be holden in perpetual vicariate with the consent of the patron, Robert de Gillingham, the said Geoffrey to pay to the said Roger 9 marks of silver yearly by way of pension, and to acquit the said church of all synodal and other dues.

Hiis testibus : Rogero, Archidiacono Richemund' ; Huberto, Decano de Broc ; R. Decano de Gernem' ; Gaufrido, persona de Asketun ; Eustachio, capellano ; Adam, presbitero de Bungay ; Magistro Alexandro de Munci ; Alexandro, capellano ; Willelmo Arist' ; Magistro Roberto de Sandun ; Willelmo, clerico de Asketun ; Laurentio, clerico de Waltham ; Waltero, clerico de Colecestr'.

Seal.

113. [Third quarter of 13th century.]—Grant by Goda, daughter of Godrich Templeman, of Hardele, to the Master

and Brethren of St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich, of the moiety of a messuage in Hardele, and the fourth part of the moiety of all her arable in Hardele, and the fourth part of the moiety of the marsh in Langemeris and Lessinethis, for their homage and service and 4 marks given in gersum, to hold to them and their successors, at the yearly rent of 3*d.* (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Johanne de Lodene, milite; Galfrido de Lodene; Philippo de Bregham; Roberto de Norfolchia; Ada, fratre suo; Philippo de Chaletorp; Thoma Le Wafre; Galfrido, filio presbiteri; et aliis.

Seal.

114. [Third quarter of 13th century.]—Quitclaim by Hugh de Bello Phago to Hamo, Master of St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich, of all his right in the advowson of Hardele church, to hold to him and his successors for ever.

Hiis testibus: Hamone Burt; Baldewino de Melles; Rogero de Wymples; Alano de Maney; Radulfo de Crakeford; Willelmo de Harham; Reginaldo de Refham; Rogero de Fleg; Osberto Trenchfoil; Ricardo de Boylund; Waltero Le Grey; et aliis.

Seal.

115. [c. 1290.]—Grant by Martin, Master of St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich, and the Brethren of the Hospital, to Simon Noteman and Beatrice, his wife, and their heirs, for their homage and service and 10*s.* given in gersum, of a messuage in Hardele, to hold to them and their heirs at the yearly rent of 18*d.* (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Rogero de Suthsted; Willelmo Pascald; Roberto Bacheler; Willelmo Stirthup; Radulfo de Calthorp; Galfrido Ese; Willelmo Bartelmeu; Thoma Le Wafre; Thoma Joste; et aliis.

116. [c. 1290.]—Grant by John Serant, of Chategrave, to Gilbert Noteman and Elina, his wife, and their heirs, for their homage and service and 60*s.* given in gersum, of $\frac{1}{2}$ acre and $\frac{1}{2}$ rood of land in Hardele, to hold to them, their heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of 3*d.*, saving the king's service for scutage. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Willelmo de Stubbes; Willelmo Pascald; Rogero de Sutfeld; Radulfo de Caltorp; Galfrido Hasbern; Radulfo Pascald; Thoma Le Wafre; et aliis.

117. 1298-9, Jan. 13.—Quitclaim by Alan and Geoffrey Wafre, and their wives, Gilly and Beatrice, to the Master and Brethren of St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich, and their successors, of right in a windmill, and the site thereof, and the rents and profits thereof for ever.

Hiis testibus: Dominis Edwardo Charles, Rogero de Hales, Roberto Banyard, militibus; Johanne de Ingelose; Simone Le Gris; Johanne Hochede; Willelmo de Suthford; Galfrido Pyrange; Radulfo de Calthorp; Gregorio de Illyngton; Waltero Gildenewater; Ricardo Toward; et aliis. Dat' ad

Duke of Norfolk. festum Sancti Hillarii anno Domini mcc. nonagesimo octavo et regni Regis Edwardi filii Regis Henrici vicesimo septimo.
Seals.

118. 1298-9, Feb. 2.—Quitclaim by Michael, son of Alan Wafre, to the same, of right in the said windmill, and the site thereof, and the rents and profits thereof for ever.

Same witnesses. Dat' ad festum Purificationis Beate Marie anno regni Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Henrici, vicesimo septimo.
Seal.

119. 1324-37.—Among the persons named are Sir Robert Banyard, John atte Essh, 1324; Peter de Herlingflet, Master of St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich, William, rector of Carleton by Langelee, Robert, son of Hervey Yungwyne, 1336-7.

HARDWICK.

120. 1401-2—1478.—Among the persons named are John Salter, John Brosezerd, Robert Sherwyne, parson, Roger Eppe, Robert Cobald, and Robert Anketel, 1401-2; Thomas Bunnyng and John Davy, clerk, 1478.

HARLING (HERLING), WEST.

121. [c. 1240.]—Grant by Ralph, son of Hugh de Bukenham, to Hugh, son of Nicolas de Bellafago, his heirs and assigns, of $1\frac{1}{2}$ acre of arable land at Garlingham in Westherling, between the land of Godyva, widow of Henry, eastward, and the said Hugh's land westward, with all the advowson of the church of All Saints, Westherling, to hold the same at the yearly rent of $\frac{1}{2}l$. of cumin, payable on St. Margaret's Day. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Domino Mikaele de Jornell; Simone, filio suo; Petro de Bukenham; Johanne Gatist'; Simone de Kenighale; Rogero de familia Warini; Roberto de Torp; Johanne Fabro; Ada Pecche; et aliis.

122. 1288-9, Jan. 30.—Grant by Hugh of Snytterton, son of Ralph of Bokenham, to Nicholas de Bellafago, his heirs and assigns, of a mark of silver receivable yearly at Michaelmas of him and his heirs in Westherling for ever.

Hiis testibus: Domino Simone de Furneus, Domino Thoma de Hakeford, Domino Willelmo de Crungethorp, militibus; Johanne Falconario; Simone de familia Warini; Thoma de Lakenham; Radulfo de Raveningham; Radulfo Noreis; Rogero Gildenesleue; et aliis. Dat' apud Westherling die Sabbati proxima post festum Conversionis Sancti Pauli anno rengni (*sic*) Regis Edwardi xvij.

HETHEL.

123. 1342, July 30.—Among the persons named are John, son of John de Thweyt, John de Bereford and Bartholomew de Salle.

HINDRINGHAM.

*Duke of
Norfolk.*

124. 1435, April 30.—Among the persons named are Richard Chappe, Henry [Beaufort], Cardinal of England, Bishop of Winchester, and William de la Pole, Earl of Suffolk.

HOLM.

125. [Mid-13th century.]—Grant by Walter Crommeloue, of Multon, to Richard Malyn, of the same place, for his service and a sum of money by way of gersum, of three roods of arable in Holm, to hold to him, his heirs or assigns, in fee and inheritance at the yearly rent to the chief lord of the fee of 1*d.* at Michaelmas in lieu of all aids, &c. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Willelmo Le Graunt; Johanne Buntyng; Willelmo Botayn; Thoma Malyn; Henrico Geffre; Hugone Le Berd; Edmundo de Barwell; Bartholomeo de eadem; Willelmo Aylbryht; Willelmo Derling; et multis aliis.

Seal.

HOLT.

126. 1452-1459.—Among the persons named are John Betys and Thomas atte Heythe, William Wylles, Thomas Wode and Robert Syre, 1452; William Wylles, Thomas Wode, Robert Syre, Richard Pepys, William Walkelayn, John Perot, and William Westwode, 1459.

HONING.

127. 1323-1425.—Among the persons named are John de Wyleby and Elizabeth, his wife, John, son of William Lamb, 1323; Henry de Sidestronde, John de Norwich and Maud, his wife, 1331; Roger Pampinges and Elizabeth, his wife, and Ralph Le Litestere, 1335; John Smyth and Avice, his wife, and John Mey, 1413; the Commissary General of the Bishop of Norwich, and the executors of Sir Roger Boys, 1425; Margaret Coote, Christopher Coote and Elizabeth Wychengham, 1519.

128. 1432-3.—Will of Thomas Boys, lord of the manor of Honing. Copy in a fifteenth century hand of a memorandum of the descent of Honing manor from Geoffrey de Glanville to Almaric Pecche.

HONINGHAM (HUNINGHAMTHORP).

129. [Early 13th century.]—Grant by Ralph, son of Hugh de Huneghamthorp, to Geoffrey, son of Alstan de Huneghamthorp, his heirs and assigns, not being *in domo religionis*, for homage and service and three shillings of silver given by way of gersum, of a piece of arable land in Hunegham. Yearly rent $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.* Warranty against all men for ever.

Hiis testibus: Johanne de Estuna; Willelmo Hamund; Roberto Ribald; Waltero, fratre suo; Johanne Gerveys; Willelmo, filio Johannis de Colethuna; Galfrido Torald;

Duke of Norfolk. Ada, fratre suo ; Roberto, filio Alani ; Galfrido, fratre suo ; Alstano, filio Warini ; et multis aliis.

130. 1340, May 6.—Among the persons named are Hugh, son of William, of Ryngelonde, and Margaret, his wife, and John Wardeyn, Margaret, his wife, and Cecilia, their daughter.

HORSEY.

131. 1301-2, Feb. 4.—Grant by Hugh Cote, of Rollesby, to his son Peter and his heirs, of a piece of meadow in Horsey Marsh in fee for ever, rendering due service to the chief lords of the fee.

Hiis testibus : Roberto de Mariham ; Roberto, filio eius ; Willelmo de Holvestone ; Thoma de Horseye ; Willelmo de Wauxtenysham ; Alexandro Talf' ; Willelmo de Billokeby ; Roberto Arnald ; Willelmo, filio eius ; Willelmo de Hauerlond ; Johanne de Stu[?] ; Reginaldo, fratre suo ; et aliis. Dat' apud Rollesby die Dominica proxima post Purificationem Beate Marie anno rengni (*sic*) Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Henrici, tricesimo.

132. 1600-1.—Among the persons named are John Chesse and John Manning.

HORSFORD.

133. 1311, Dec. 26.—Grant by Sir John de Clavering of land in Horsford to William, son of Robert Joynt, in fee-farm.

Dat' apud Horsford die Dominica proxima post festum Natalis Domini anno regni Regis Edwardi filii Regis Edwardi quinto.

HUNWORTH (HONEWORTH).

134. 1383, April 19.—Among the persons named are John Boleyn and John Godewyn, parson of Baconestorp.

MOULTON, WEST SUFFOLK.

135. [Early 13th century.]—Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Benedictus de Blakeham, filius Ricardi, concessi et dedi et presenti carta mea confirmavi Waltero, filio Willelmi Le Broder, de Muletuna, pro homagio et servicio suo, et pro duobus solidis et sex denariis argenti quos mihi dedit in gersumam, septem acras et dimidiam acram terre arabilis cum pertinentiis in Muletuna, scilicet, duas acras et dimidiam acram super decem acras et quinque acras in eisdem campis appendentes ad meam partem de terra quam Robertus, filius Whordpine, de Muletuna, diracionavit in curia Domini Abbatis Sancti Edmundi per preceptum Domini Regis. Tenendas de me et heredibus meis prefato Waltero et heredibus suis, libere et quiete in feodo et hereditate, Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis triginta tres denarios ad duos terminos, scilicet, ad festum Sancti Michaelis sexdecim denarios et obolum et dimidiam libram cymini, et ad Pascha sexdecim

denarios et obolum, et faciendo omnia servicia forinseca que predicta terra debet facere pro omni servicio, consuetudine, et pro omni exactione ad me siue ad heredes meos pertinente. (Warranty clause.) *Duke of Norfolk.*

Hiis testibus: Bartholomeo de Beilham; Salamone de Wepsted; Roberto, clerico de Newetuna; Bartholomeo Thurmod; Salamone de Kent; Roberto, filio Whordpine; Henrico Gallico; et Rogero, fratre suo; Willelmo, filio Crestiane; Adam Mangno; Matheo de Lungeuilla; Roberto Watheman; Willelmo, filio Richeri.

Seal.

136. [Early 13th century.]—Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Robertus, filius Whordpine, de Muletuna, concessi et dedi et presenti carta mea confirmavi Waltero, filio Willelmi Le Broder, de Muletuna, pro homagio et servicio suo, et pro duobus solidis et sex denariis argenti quos mihi dedit in gersumam, septem acras et dimidiam acram terre arabilis cum pertinenciis in Muletuna, scilicet, duas acras et dimidiam acram super decem acras et quinque acras in eisdem campis appendentes ad meam partem de terra quam ego diracionavi in curia Domini Abbatis Sancti Edmundi per preceptum Domini Regis, Tenendas de me et de heredibus meis prefato Waltero et heredibus suis, libere, quiete, in feodo et hereditate, Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis triginta tres denarios ad duos terminos, scilicet, ad festum Sancti Michaelis sexdecim denarios et obolum, et dimidiam libram cymini, et ad Pascha sexdecim denarios et obolum, et faciendo omnia servicia forinseca que predicta terra debet facere pro omni consuetudine et pro omni exactione ad me siue ad heredes meos pertinente. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Bartholomeo de Beilham; Benedicto de Blakeham; Salamone de Wepsted; Roberto, clerico de Newetuna; Johanne de Pakeham; Bartholomeo Turmod; Salamone de Kent; Henrico Gallico; Rogero, fratre suo; Adam Mangno; Matheo de Lungeuilla; Roberto Watheman; Willelmo Richer.

Seal.

137. [Same period.]—Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Baldewynus Grandis dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Sansoni de Eswelle, pro homagio et servicio suo, totam terram meam de Muletune cum omnibus pertinenciis suis sine aliquo retenimento, Tenendam et habendam, de me et heredibus meis, sibi et cuicumque eam assignare voluerit, libere, quiete et pacifice, Reddendo annuatim mihi et heredibus meis unam libram cimini, scilicet, ad Natale Domini, pro omnibus serviciis et consuetudinibus et exactionibus ad me vel ad heredes meos pertinentibus, salvo servicio domini feodi, scilicet, ad festum Sancti Michaelis quatuor solidos et undecim denarios, salvo etiam servicio Domini Regis. Pro hac autem donacione et concessione et

Duke of Norfolk. huius carte mee confirmacione dedit mihi predictus Sanson quadraginta solidos, et inveniet mihi rationabilem victum et vestitum omnibus diebus vite mee.

Hiis testibus : Bartholomeo de Eswelle ; Ada, filio Willelmi ; Waltero de Amberdena ; Willelmo, filio Sansonis ; Roberto Wateman ; Johanne, persona de Muletuna ; Matheo de Longavilla ; Michaelae de Wendena ; et multis aliis.

Seal.

138. [Early 13th century.]—Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Henricus, filius Willelmi Fiwiien, de Muletone, concessi et dedi et hac mea presenti carta confirmavi Roberto, capellano, fratri Ade Magni, pro homagio suo et servicio, et pro sexdecim solidis sterlingorum quos mihi dedit in gersumam, unum mesuagium jacens inter mesuagium Ade de Barewelle et mesuagium meum cum omnibus suis pertinenciis, habens quinque percatas in longitudine et quatuor percatas in latitudine, Habendum et tenendum in feodo et hereditate, libere et quiete, de me et de heredibus meis, predicto Roberto, capellano, aut cui vel quibus illam (*sic*) dare vel assignare voluerit, hereditarie tenend' et heredibus eorum exceptis viris religiosis et Judeis, Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis ille Robertus et sui assignati et heredes eorum unum denarium ad Pascha pro omnibus seruitiis, auxiliis et exactionibus et demandis, saluo servicio Domini Regis ad scutagium viginti solidorum unum quadrantem, atque ad plus, plus, atque ad minus, minus. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Ada Magno ; Egidio, filio eius ; Ada de Barewelle ; Radulfo, filio Lecie, de Angnell' ; Simone Gallico ; Pagano Chevin ; Waltero, filio Brother ; Willelmo Bunting ; Johanne Walensi ; et multis aliis.

139. [Same period.]—Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Ansel, filius Seli le poy, de Chelisuurthe, dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Willelmo Bunting, de Moletone, pro me et heredibus meis, totum jus quod habui vel habere potui in villa de Moletone, et viginti unum denarios de redditu, et dimidiam libram cimini, cuius [*sic*] Walterus Brother solebat reddere antecessoribus meis, libere et quiete, bene et in pace, pro me et heredibus meis, predicto Willelmo Bunting et heredibus suis vel suis assignatis, dare, vendere vel cuicumque voluerit assignare, quod ego Ansel filius Seli le poy de Chelisuurthe neque heredes mei nichil possumus rogare in homagiis neque in seruiciis neque in releviis per causam istius redditus.

(Warranty clause.) Reddendo annuatim domino feodi seruicium quod pertinet ad predictam terram pro me et heredibus meis dictus Willelmus Bunting et heredes sui. Pro hac autem donacione et confirmacione et concessione dedit

mihi Willelmus Bunting duas marcas argenti. In huius rei *Duke of Norfolk.*
testimonium huic scripto sigillum meum apposui.

Hiis testibus: W. de Chervile; H. de Rople; G. Puer de Wandingfeud; Morond de Pichelethorn; A. de Houolde; A. Le Gront; A. de Barewelle; S. Le Fronceis; Alexandro Chompeneis; S. Waleis; H. filio Radulfi; et multis aliis.

Seal.

140. [Early Henry III.]—Grant by Walter, son of William Brother, of Muletone, to his son Simon, for his fealty, of 3 acres of arable land in Muletone, which Robert Wateman gave the grantor, with Christiana, his wife, to hold to the said Simon, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of 8*d.* in lieu of all services, &c., except the king's service. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Ada Le Grond; Ada de Barwelle; Radulfo de Agnellis; Thurstano de Meutemor; Willelmo de Lungeuilla; Willelmo Buntink; Symone Le Fronceis; Johanne Galeis; Henrico Fithien; et aliis.

Seal.

141. [Mid-13th century.]—Grant by John, son of Walter Le Brother, to Symon Le Franceis, for his homage and service and 15*s.* given in gersum, of 3 acres of arable land in Moletone, to hold to him, his heirs or assigns, except men of religion, at the yearly rent of 8*d.* in lieu of all services, &c., except the king's service. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Ada de Barewelle; Ada Le Grant; Roberto Le Grant, capellano; Willelmo Bunting; Radulfo de Agnis; Alexandro Chompeneys; Johanne Waleys; Payn Chivin; Willelmo Savage; et multis aliis.

142. [Same period.]—Grant by Adam de Barewell, of Moleton, to Walter, shepherd, son of Geoffrey of Nedham and his wife Isabella, for their homage and service and 16*s.* given in hand, of a dwelling in Moleton with a croft and other appurtenances, to hold to them and their heirs or assigns, except men of religion and Jews, at the yearly rent of 12*d.* quit of all services, &c., except the king's service. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Ada Le Grant; Radulfo de Agnis; Willelmo Bunting; Roberto, capellano; Johanne Le Waleys; Simone Le Franceis; Pain Chivin; Willelmo Savage; Alexandro Champeneys; Henrico, filio Radulfi; et multis aliis.

143. [Same period.]—Grant by Adam Le Grant, of Mulletone, to his daughter Agnes, for her homage and service, of an acre of arable land in Mulletone called Halelowe, to hold to her, her heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of 2*d.* quit of all services, &c., except the king's service. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Ada de Barewelle; Willelmo Bunting; Simone Le Franceis; Johanne Waleis; Eadmundo Chivin; Alexandro Chompenis; Waltero Cromeloue; Henrico, filio Radulfi; Willelmo Le Grant; Johanne Le Grant; et multis aliis.

Seal.

Duke of Norfolk. 144. [Mid-13th century.]—Grant by Maud, daughter of Robert Le Franceis, of Muletun, to Alan her brother, for his homage and service and 1 mark given in gersum, of a piece of land in Muletun, to hold to him, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of $\frac{1}{2}d.$ (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Domino Roberto de Aynnews ; Ada de Barewelle ; Ada Le Grant ; Willelmo, fratre [suo ; Willelmo Bunting ; Radulfo Albrith ; Thoma, fratre suo ; Eadmundo Payn ; Waltero Cromeluwe ; Simone Le Franceys . . . ; [et multis] aliis.

Seal, broken.

145. [Same period.]—Grant by the same to Walter Bercar, of Moletun, for his homage and service and 10s. given in gersum, of 1 acre of arable land in Muletun field, to hold to him, his heirs or assigns (except houses of religion or Jews), at the yearly rent of 1d. in lieu of all services, &c., except the king's scutage. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Ada Le Grant ; Ada de Barewelle ; Symone Le Franceis ; Alexandro Champeneis ; Edmundo, clerico ; Johanne Le Waleys ; Willelmo Bunting ; Willelmo Savage ; Andrea ad capud (*sic*) ville ; Laurencio, clerico ; Gilberto Frame ; Johanne, diacono, huius carte scriptore ; et aliis.

146. [Same period.]—Grant by Alan, son of Humfrey de Culing, to his sister Alice, for her homage and service and 20 marks given in gersum, of a messuage in Muletone, to hold to the said Alice, her heirs or assigns, paying yearly to the donor during his life 5 marks, and after his death to his heirs 3 peppercorns, and doing the due and wonted services to the lords of the fee. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Willelmo Le Grant ; Willelmo Bunting ; Radulfo Gybot ; Henrico Bercatore ; Henrico Le Franceys ; Thoma Gibott, de Multuna ; Jolano, filio Macy ; Willelmo de Caldebec ; Rogero, filio Alani ; Ricardo, filio Godefridi ; Johanne Troue ; Rogero, juniore, de Culinge ; et multis aliis.

Seal, broken.

147. [Same period.]—Grant by Letice, widow of Hemfred de Kulinge, to her daughter Alice, for her homage and service, of 2 denariates of yearly rent and 3 acres of arable land in Hollowefeld and Prestonhowe and elsewhere in Moletone, to hold to her, her heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of $1\frac{1}{2}d.$ (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Domino Roberto Dayneus ; Ada de Barewelle ; Ada Le Grant ; Willelmo Le Grant ; Torold de Kenteford ; Willelmo Mody ; Galfrido de La Berne ; Johanne de Beveylers, de Nedham ; Waltero, clerico ; et aliis.

Seal.

148 [Same period.]—Quitclaim by Letice, widow of Haunfrid de Culinge, to her daughter Maud of all right in three tenements in the parish of Moletone, for 20s. given in gersum.

Hiis testibus : Domino Roberto de Agnet', milite ; Ada de Barewelle ; Ada Le Grant ; Willelmo, fratre suo ; Willelmo Bunting ; Johanne, filio suo ; Symone Le Fraunceis ; Edmundo Payn ; Johanne Waleys ; et aliis.

Seal.

149. [Mid-13th century.]—Grant by Emma, daughter of Adam Le Grant, of Muletone, to her sister Agnes, for her homage and service and 10s. given in hand, of 3 roods of arable land in Muletone fields, to hold to her, her heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of 2*d.* in lieu of all services, &c., except the king's scutage. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Ada de Barewelle ; Willelmo Bunting ; Simone Le Franceis ; Willelmo Le Grant ; Eadmundo Pain ; Johanne Le Waleis ; Henrico, filio Radulfi ; Willelmo Sawage ; et aliis.

150. [Same period.]—Grant by Joan, daughter of Adam Le Grant, of Molestone, to John Buntynge, for his fealty and service and 20s. given in gersum, of a piece of meadow in Molestone, to hold to the said John, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of a clove of gillyflower. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Edmundo de Barwelle ; Bartholomeo de la More ; Henrico, filio Galfridi ; Hugone cum barba ; Johanne, filio Radulfi ; Willelmo Boteyn ; Johanne Le Fronceys ; Ricardo Malyn ; Willelmo Terri ; Edmundo Payn ; Willelmo Le Galeys ; Johanne Fabro ; et aliis.

Seal.

151. [Same period.]—Grant by Alexander Chompenies, of Molestone, to Walter Bercar, of Molestone, for his homage and service and 6s. given in gersum, of $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of arable land in Walkerescroft, Molestone, to hold to the said Walter, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of 1*d.* in lieu of all services, &c., save the king's scutage. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Ada de Barewelle ; Ada Le Grant ; Willelmo Bunting ; Simone Le Franceis ; Eadmundo, filio Pain ; Willelmo Savage ; et aliis.

Seal.

152. [Same period.]—Grant by Adam Le Barwelle, of Multone, to John, son of Hodo at Multone place, for his homage and service and 20s. given in gersum, of $1\frac{1}{2}$ acre of arable land in Multone fields, to hold to the said John, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* in lieu of all services, &c., save the king's scutage. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Ada Le Grant ; Willelmo Bunting ; Simone Le Fronceys ; Alexandro Chompeneys ; Willelmo Savage ; Edmundo, clerico ; Johanne Valeys ; et multis aliis.

Seal wanting.

153. [Same period.]—Grant by Maud, daughter of Robert Le Franceis, of Molestone, to Walter Cromeloue, of Molestone, for his homage and service and 4s. given in gersum, of $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of

Duke of Norfolk. land in Lidgateweye field, Moletone, to hold to the said Walter, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of $\frac{1}{2}d.$ in lieu of all services, &c., save the king's service. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Ada de Barewelle ; Willemo Bunting ; Simone Le Franceis ; Johanne Waleis ; Alexandro Chompenis ; Willelmo Sawage ; Eadmundo Chivin ; Henrico, filio Radulfi ; Willelmo Le Grant ; et multis aliis.

Seal wanting.

154. [Mid-13th century.]—Grant by Walter, son of Giles Le Grant, of Muletone, to John, son of Adam Le Grant, of Muletone, of 4 acres of arable in Muletone fields, to hold to the said John, his heirs or assigns, pursuant to a charter of feoffment which he has of his father Adam, at the yearly rent therein reserved. (Warranty clause.) Given in gersum, 1 mark.

Hiis testibus : Ada de Barewelle ; Alexandro de Bevelers, de Gaysle ; Willelmo Bunting ; Willelmo Troue, de Canham ; Waltero, clerico, de Nedham ; Simone Le Franceis ; Willelmo Le Grant ; Eadmundo Pain ; Henrico, filio Radulfi ; Johanne Waleis ; et multis aliis.

Seal, broken.

155. [Same period.]—Grant by William Le Grant, of Moletone, to Richard, son of William Malin, for his homage and service and 10s. given in gersum, of $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of arable land in Hallowefeld, Moletone, to hold to the said Richard, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of 1*d.* in lieu of all services, &c., save the king's service. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Ada Le Grant ; Willelmo Bunting ; Johanne Waleis ; Radulfo Albrit ; Thoma Albrit ; Henrico, filio Galfridi ; Eadmundo, clerico ; Henrico, filio Simonis Le Franceis ; Johanne Fabro ; et multis aliis.

Seal.

156. [Same period.]—Grant by Emecussa, daughter of Adam Le Grant, of Molethone, to her brother John Le Grant, of the same place, priest, for his homage and service and 20s. given in gersum, of one moiety of a messuage and croft in Molethone, to hold to the said John, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of 3*d.* in lieu of all services, &c., save the king's scutage. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Adam Le Grant ; Willelmo Le Grant ; Henrico, filio Galfridi ; Eadmundo Payn ; Radulfo Aylbrit ; Johanne Buntyng ; Thoma Le Mervyllus, de Dalham ; Hugone Wrenne ; et aliis.

Seal.

157. [Same period.]—Grant by Robert de Cokes to Robert Le Grant, of Muletun, for his homage and service and 3 marks given in gersum, of a mansion with a croft in Muletun, to hold to the said Robert Le Grant, his heirs and assigns, except a house of religion, at the yearly rent of 16*d.* in lieu of all services, &c., save the king's service. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Adam Le Grant; Adam de Barewelle; *Duke of
Thurstano de Meutemore; Willelmo de Lungeville; Willelmo
Norfolk.*
Bunting; Simone Le Franceys; Pagano Chivin; Waltero
Brothersone; Alexandro Champeneys; Johanne Le Waleys;
et aliis.

Seal, broken.

158. [Mid-13th century.]—Grant by Adam Le Grant, of Moletone, to his son Adam, for his homage and service, of part of a messuage and 10 acres of arable land in Moletone fields, to hold to the said Adam, his heirs and assigns, at the yearly rent of 3s. in lieu of all services, &c., save the king's scutage. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Ada de Barewelle; Turstano de Meutemore; Willelmo Bunting; Johanne Waleis; Simone Le Franceis; Alexandro Champeneis; Radulfo Dagneus; Pagano Chivin; Willelmo Savage; Henrico, filio Radulfi; et multis aliis.

Seal, broken.

159. [Same period.]—Grant by William Gylemyn, of Yselham, to Henry Bercator, of Molethone, son of Geoffrey Bercator, of the same place, for his homage and service and 10 marks given in gersum, of 8 acres of arable land in Hollowefeld, Trouweyefeld and elsewhere in Molethone, to hold to the said Henry, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of 8d. in lieu of all services save the king's scutage. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Ada Le Graunt; Willelmo Le Graunt; Johanne de Agnis; Willelmo Buntyn; Johanne Buntyn; Eadmund Payn, clerico; Waltero Cromeloue; Henrico Franceys; Radulfo Aylbriht; Thoma Aylbriht, de Molethone; Johanne de Bevelers; Waltero, clerico; Roberto Le Marescal, de Nedham.

Seal, broken.

160. [Same period.]—Grant by William, son of William Carpenter, of Culinge, to Ralph Giboth, of Moletone, for his homage and service and 2 marks given in gersum, of 2 acres of arable land in Trouweyefeld and Stoulefild in Moletone, to hold to the said Ralph, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of 2d. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Ada de Barewelle; Ada Le Graunt; Willelmo, fratre suo; Willelmo Bunting; Johanne Le Waleis; Symone Le Fraunceis; Alexandro, fratre suo; Willelmo Savage; Edmundo Payn; Roberto de Bosco; Rogero de Saham; Laurencio, clerico; et aliis.

Seal, broken.

161. [Same period.]—Quitclaim by John, son of Walter Le Brother, of Moletone, to William Bunting, of Moletone, of all right in a messuage in Moletone which is thenceforth to be assignable by the said William Bunting, his heirs or assigns, without let on the part of the grantor or his heirs. 40s. paid in gersum.

Duke of Norfolk. Hiis testibus : Roberto de Angheus ; Ada Le Grant ; Ada de Barewelle ; Johanne de Bevelyers ; Nicholao Le Mervelus ; Simone Le Franceys ; Thurstanno de Kenteford ; et aliis.
Seal.

162. [Late Henry III.]—Quitclaim by Alexander, son of Baldthyva, daughter of William Richer, of Molethone, to John, son of William Buntynge, of Molethone, of all right in Molethone in the name of his mother Baldthyva. 5½ marks paid by John in gersum.

Hiis testibus : Ada Le Graunt ; Willelmo Le Graunt ; Willelmo Le Waleys ; Henrico Le Franceys ; Johanne Le Franceys ; Johanne, filio Radulfi ; Waltero Crommeloue, de Molethone ; Johanne de Bevelers ; Hugone Le Waleys ; Waltero, clerico ; Willelmo Waryn ; Roberto, marescallo, de Nedham ; Willelmo Randulfo ; Johanne Randulfo ; Galfrido Honeman de Haslee.

Seal.

163. [Same period.]—Grant by Walter Cromeloue, of Moletone, to Alice, daughter of Humfrey de Culynge, of all the land that her brother Alan, son of Humfrey de Culynge, held in Moletone of the said Walter's fee, to hold of the said Walter and his heirs by the due yearly service. Warranty against Sir Geoffrey Gacelyn and his heirs. Alice pays 4s. for the grant.

Hiis testibus : Ada Le Grant ; Willelmo, fratre suo ; Willelmo Buntynge ; Henrico, filio Galfridi ; Edmundo Payn ; et multis aliis.

Seal.

164. [Same period.]—Grant by Richard Farewell, of Kulinge, to Alan, son of Humfrey de Culynge, for his homage and service and ½ mark by way of gersum, of ½ acre of arable land in Moletone, to hold to the said Alan, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of ½d. quit of all service, &c., but that of the king. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Domino Roberto de Angnis ; Ada Le Grant ; Willelmo, fratre suo ; Willelmo Bunting ; Edmundo Payn ; Waltero Cromeloue ; Radulfo Gibot ; Thoma, fratre suo ; Henrico, filio Galfridi ; Alexandro Chompenays ; et multis aliis.

Seal.

165. [Same period.]—Grant by Henry, son of Geoffrey Bercator, of Moletone, to his son Richard, for his homage and service and a sum of money given in gersum, of 4 acres of arable land in Moletone fields, to hold to the said Richard and his heirs or assigns at the yearly rent of 4d. in lieu of all services, &c., save the king's scutage. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Johanne de Angnis ; Willelmo Le Grant ; Johanne Bunting ; Bartholomeo de la More ; Waltero Cromeloue ; Willelmo Boteyn ; Hugone cum barba ; Willelmo,

filio Radulfi; Johanne, filio Radulfi; Johanne Fabro; *Duke of Norfolk.*
Edmundo Payn; et alii.

Seal.

166. [Late Henry III.]—Grant by John of Kersingsham, the younger, shoemaker, of Kenteford, and Cristiana, his wife, to Richard Malyn, of Moletone, for his homage and service and a sum of money given in gersum, of 5 roods of arable land in Moletone, to hold to the said Richard, his heirs or assigns, of the chief lords of the fee by the due service in lieu of all services, &c., save the king's service. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Willelmo Le Graunt; Johanne Bunting; Bartholomeo de Barewelle; Hugone cum barba; Willelmo Gaucelyn; Waltero Cromeloue; Johanne, filio Radulfi; Henrico, filio Galfridi; Willelmo Boteyn; Willelmo Persona; Thoma Aylbryth; Willelmo Bigot; Hugone, mercatore de Kenteford; Hugone Falco; Roberto, mercatore de eadem; Eadmundo Payn; et alii.

Seals.

167. [Same period.]—Grant by Richard, son of Alexander Chompeney, of Moletone, to Thomas, son of William Malyn, for his homage and service and 4s. given in gersum, of 1 rood of arable land in Moletone field, to hold to him and his heirs or assigns at the yearly rent of $\frac{1}{2}d.$ in lieu of all services, &c., except the king's service. (Warranty clause.) In the event of the granteo's death without lawful issue reversion to his brother Richard Malyn.

Hiis testibus: Willelmo Le Grant; Bartholomeo de Barwell; Johanne Buntyn; Waltero Cromeloue; Hugone cum barba; Willelmo Le Galeys; Johanne, filio Radulfi; Henrico, filio Galfridi; Willelmo Boteyn; Edmundo Payn; Willelmo Person; et alii.

Seal.

168. [Same period.]—Grant by Richard, son of Alexander Chompeney, of Moletone, to Richard, son of William Malyn, of Moletone, for his homage and service and $\frac{1}{2}$ mark given in gersum, of $1\frac{1}{2}$ rood of arable land in Hollowefeld, to hold to him, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of $\frac{1}{2}d.$ in lieu of all services, &c., except the king's service. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Willelmo Le Grant; Bartholomeo de Barwelle; Johanne Buntyn; Waltero Cromeloue; Hugone cum barba; Willelmo Le Galeys; Johanne, filio Radulfi; Henrico, filio Galfridi; Willelmo Boteyn; Edmundo Payn; Thoma Albrit; Willelmo, filio Radulfi; et alii.

Seal.

169. [Same period.]—Grant by the same to Richard Malyn, for his homage and service and a sum of money given in gersum, of 1 acre, 3 roods in Moletone fields, to hold to him, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of 3d. in lieu of all services, &c., except the king's service. (Warranty clause.)

Duke of Norfolk. Hiis testibus: Willelmo Le Grant; Bartholomeo de la More; Waltero Cromeloue; Johanne Buntyn; Willelmo Boteyn; Hugone cum barba; Henrico, filio Galfridi; Johanne, filio Radulfi; Johanne Fabro; Johanne Le Franceys; Willelmo, filio Radulfi; Edmundo Payn; et aliis.

Seal.

170. [Late Henry III.]—Grant by Richard Chaumpeneys, son of Alexander Chaumpeneys, of Moletone, to Richard Malyn, of the same place, for his homage and service and 30s. given in gersum, of 1½ acre of land in Bestonhowe field, to hold to him, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of 2*d.* in lieu of all services, &c., except the king's service. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Willelmo Le Graunt; Johanne Bunting; Bartholomeo de Barewelle; Hugone cum barba; Willelmo Le Galeys; Waltero Cromeloue; Henrico, filio Galfridi; Willelmo Boteyn; Johanne, filio Radulfi; Eadmundo, filio Pagani; et aliis.

Seal.

171. [Same period.]—Quitclaim by Isabel, widow of Richard Farewell, of Culinge, to William, son of Ralph Aylbrit, of Moletone, of all right in 1 acre of arable land in Stoule and Hollouefeld in Moletone. Gersum paid for the quitclaim.

Hiis testibus: Willelmo Le Grant; Bartholomeo de Barwelle; Johanne Buntyn; Ricardo Malyn; Henrico, filio Galfridi; Hugone cum barba; Edmundo Payn; et aliis.

172. [Same period.]—Quitclaim by John, son and heir of Sir Robert de Angnis, knight, to William Le Grant, of Moletone, and his heirs, for 12*d.* given in hand, of Thomas, son of William Malin, of Moletone, villain, with all his posterity, procreated and to be procreated in wedlock or otherwise, and all his chattels and goods acquired or to be acquired.

Hiis testibus: Thoma Le Mervilus, de Dalham; Johanne Bunting; Bartholomeo de Barewelle; Henrico, filio Galfridi; Hugone Berd; Waltero Cromeloue; Willelmo Le Waleys; Roberto Le Franceys; Johanne, fratre suo; Johanne, filio Radulfi; Willelmo Aylbryht; Edmundo, clerico, de Multone; et multis aliis. Dat' apud Moletone.

Seal: device, a lamb encircled by the name.

173. [Early Edward I.]—Grant by Ralph Godhale, of Kente-ford, to Thomas, son of Richard Malyn, of Multone, for a sum of money given in gersum, of 1 rood of arable land in Multon, to hold to the said Thomas and his heirs (remainder in default of issue to his brother Richard) of the chief lords of the fee by the due and wonted services. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Willelmo Le Grant; Thoma Malyn; Ada ad pontem; Andrea Jefrei; Roberto Le Grant; et aliis.

Seal.

174. [Same period.]—Quitclaim by John, son and heir of John Smith, of Multone, to Thomas Malyn and Joan, his wife,

and their heirs or assigns, of all right in $4\frac{1}{2}$ acres in Trouweyefeld and Hollowefeld in Multone. Given for the quitclaim, 4s. *Duke of Norfolk.*

Hiis testibus: Willelmo Le Grant; Johanne Buntyn; Ricardo Malyn; Hugone cum barba; Bertholomeo de Barewelle; et multis aliis.

Seal.

175. [Early Edward I.]—Quitclaim by the same to Thomas Malyn, his heirs or assigns, of all right in 2 acres of land in Multone fields. Given for the quitclaim, 2s.

Hiis testibus: Willelmo Le Grant; Johanne Buntyn; Ricardo Malyn; Willelmo Botayn; Henrico Geffrei; Hugone Le Berd; Edmundo de Barwelle; Bartholomeo, de eadem; et multis aliis.

Seal.

176. [Same period.]—Quitclaim by the same to Richard Malyn, his heirs or assigns, of all right &c., in $6\frac{1}{2}$ acres of arable land in Multone fields. Given for the quitclaim, 2s.

Hiis testibus: Willelmo Le Grant; Johanne Buntyn; Willelmo Botayn; Thoma Malyn; Henrico Geffrei; Hugone Le Berd; Willelmo Derling; et multis aliis.

Seal.

177. [Same period.]—Grant by John Smith, of Moletone, to Richard, son of William Malyn, of Moletone, for his homage and service and $\frac{1}{2}$ mark given in gersum, of $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of arable land in Trouweyefeld, to hold to him and his heirs or assigns (except a house of religion) at the yearly rent of 1*d.* in lieu of all services, &c., save the king's service. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Willelmo Le Grant; Bartholomeo de Mora; Johanne Buntyn; Waltero Cromeloue; Hugone cum barba; Henrico, filio Galfridi; Willelmo Le Galeys; Johanne, filio Radulfi; Edmundo Payn; Willelmo Boteyn.

Seal.

178. [Same period.]—Grant by the same to Richard Malyn, of Moletone, for his homage and service and 10*s.* given in gersum, of 3 roods of arable in Kaldenhoue, to hold to him, his heirs or assigns (except a house of religion), at the yearly rent of 1*d.* in lieu of all services, &c., save the king's service. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Willelmo Le Grant; Bartholomeo de la More; Johanne Buntyn; Waltero Cromeloue; Hugone cum barba; Johanne de Angnis; Willelmo Le Galeys; Henrico, filio Galfridi; Edmundo Payn; Johanne Le Fronceys; et multis aliis.

Seal.

179. [Same period.]—Grant by John Smith, of Moletone, to Richard Malyn, of the same place, for his homage and service, and a sum of money given in gersum, of 1 acre of arable land in Stoulefeld, to hold to him, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of 2*d.* in lieu of all services, &c., save the king's scutage. (Warranty clause.)

Duke of Norfolk. Hiis testibus: Johanne Bunting; Waltero Crumeloue; Hugone cum barba; Willelmo Galeys; Bartholomeo de Barewelle; Eadmundo de Barewelle; Henrico, filio Galfridi; Johanne, filio Dawe; Eadmundo Payn; et aliis.

Seal.

180. [Early Edward I.]—Grant by John Smith, of Moletone, to Thomas Malyn, of the same place, for his homage and service and 18s. given in gersum, of 1 acre of arable land in Hollowefeld, to hold to him, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of 2*d.* in lieu of all services, &c., save the king's service. Reversion in the event of Thomas's death without heir to the said Thomas's brother Richard. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Willelmo Le Grant; Johanne Bunting; Bartholomeo de Barewelle; Waltero Crommeloue; Hugone cum barba; Willelmo Boteyn; Eadmundo Payn; Albrico, clerico; et aliis.

181. [Same period.]—Grant by John Smith, of Moletone, to Thomas Malin, of the same place, for his homage and service and a sum of money given in gersum, of 1 acre of arable land in Caldenhowefeld, to hold to him, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of 2*d.* in lieu of all services, &c., save the king's service. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Willelmo Le Graunt; Bartholomeo de Barewelle; Johanne Bunting; Hugone cum barba; Willelmo Le Galeis; Waltero Crummeloue; Henrico, filio Galfridi; Willelmo Boteyn; Willelmo Persona; Thoma Haylbryth; Eadmundo, filio Pagani, clerico; et aliis.

Seal.

182. [Same period.]—Grant by John Smith and Cristiana, his wife, of Multon, to Richard Malyn, of Multon, for a sum of money given in hand, of 2 acres of arable land in Hollowefeld in Multon, to hold to him, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of 4*d.* (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Willelmo de [*sic*] Grant; Johanne Buntyn; Waltero Crommeloue; Bartholomeo de Barewelle; Willelmo de (*sic*) Galeys; Henrico, filio Galfridi; et aliis multis.

Seals.

183. [Same period.]—Grant by William de Fenhowe, of Midehale, and Alice his wife, to Richard Malin, of Moletone, for his homage and service and 10*l.* given in gersum, of a messuage and 13½ acres, 1½ rood, of arable land in Moletone and Asle, to hold to the said Richard Malin, his heirs or assigns of the chief lords of the fee by the due service for ever. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Thoma Le Meruilus, de Dalham; Willelmo Le Grant, de Moletone; Johanne Bunting; Bartholomeo de Barwelle; Henrico, filio Galfridi; Hugone Berd; Waltero Cromeloue; Willelmo Le Waleys; Roberto Le Franceis;

Johanne, fratre suo ; Willelmo Aylbriht ; Eadmundo, clerico ; *Duke of Norfolk.*
Willelmo Persun ; et multis aliis.

Seals.

184. [Early Edward I.]—Grant by the same to the same, for his homage and service and 10 marks given in gersum, of $7\frac{1}{2}$ acres of arable land in Moletone fields, to hold to the said Richard, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of $7\frac{1}{2}d.$ in lieu of all services, &c., save the king's scutage. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Willelmo Le Grant ; Bartholomeo de Barwelle ; Johanne Buntynge ; Waltero Crommeloue ; Henrico, filio Galfridi ; Johanne, filio Radulfi ; Hugone cum barba ; Willelmo Boteyn ; Willelmo Galeys ; Willelmo, filio Radulfi Gibot ; Edmundo Payn ; Thoma Albrit ; Johanne Fabro ; et aliis.

Seals.

185. [Same period.]—Grant by William de Fenhoue, of Midehale, and Alice, his wife, to Richard, son of William Malyn, of Moletone, for his service and a sum of money given in gersum, of $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of land in Hollowefeld, to hold to the said Richard and his assigns except a house of religion, doing yearly due service to the lord of the fee in lieu of all services, &c., save the king's service. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Willelmo Le Grant ; Bartholomeo de Barwelle ; Johanne Buntynge ; Waltero Cromeloue ; Willelmo Galeys ; Hugone cum barba ; Henrico, filio Galfridi ; Johanne, filio Radulfi ; Edmundo Payn ; Thoma Aylbrit ; et aliis.

Seals.

186. [Same period.]—Grant by William de Fenhowe, of Midehale, and Alice, his wife, to Hugh, son of John with the beard, of Moletone, and Angnes (*sic*) his wife, for their homage and service and a sum of money given in gersum, of $1\frac{1}{2}$ acre, 1 rood, of arable land in Moletone fields, to hold to the said Hugh and Angnes, their heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of $1d.$ in lieu of all services, &c., save the king's scutage. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Willelmo Le Grant, Bartholomeo de la More ; Henrico, filio Galfridi ; Johanne Buntynge ; Waltero Cromeloue ; Johanne, filio Radulfi ; Willelmo Le Waleys ; Willelmo, filio Radulfi ; Thoma Albrit ; Willelmo Boteyn ; Edmundo Payn ; Johanne Franceys ; et aliis.

Seals, broken.

187. [Same period.]—Quitclaim by Alice, widow of William de Fenhowe, to Richard Malin, of Moletone, of all the tenement in Moletone and Asele purchased by the said Richard of the said Alice and her late husband.

Hiis testibus : Willelmo Le Grant ; Bartholomeo de Barwelle ; Willelmo Le Galeys ; Hugone cum barba ; Johanne Bunting ; Henrico Geffrey ; Willelmo Boteyn ; Thoma Aylbrit ; Edmundo Payn ; et multis aliis.

Seals.

*Duke of
Norfolk.*

188. [Early Edward I.]—Grant by John, son of Walter Bercar, of Moletone, to Richard, son of William Malyn, of Moletone, for his homage and service and a sum of money given in gersum, of a messuage in Moletone, to hold to him, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent to the grantor of 3 grains of pepper, in lieu of all services, &c., save the king's service, of the chief lords of the fee, by the due and wonted services for ever. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Willelmo Le Grant ; Bartholomeo de la More ; Johanne Buntynge ; Waltero Cromeloue ; Henrico, filio Galfridi ; Thoma Albrit ; Edmundo Payn ; Roberto Le Franceys ; Johanne Fabro ; Willelmo Galeys ; Hugo[ne] cum barba ; Willelmo Boteyn ; Johanne, filio Radulfi ; et aliis.

Seal, broken.

189. [Same period.]—Grant by John, son and heir of Robert de Angnis, knight, to Thomas, son of William Malin, of Moletone, for his homage and service and a sum of money given in gersum, of $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of arable land in the field called 'la doune' in Moletone, to hold to him, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of $\frac{1}{2}d.$ in lieu of all service, &c., except the king's service. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Thoma Le Merveilus, de Dalham ; Johanne Bunting, de Moletone ; Willelmo Le Grant, de eadem ; Johanne, filio Radulfi ; Waltero Cromeloue ; Willelmo Le Waleys ; Willelmo Persun, de eadem ; Hugone Berd ; Roberto Le Franceys ; Edmundo, clerico, de eadem ; et multis aliis.

Seal : device, a lamb encircled by the name.

190. [Same period.]—Grant by the same to the same, for his homage and service and a sum of money given in gersum, of $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of arable land in the field called 'le doune,' in Moletone, to hold to him, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of $\frac{1}{2}d.$ in lieu of all service, &c., except the king's service. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Thoma Le Merveilus, de Dalham ; Johanne Bunting, de Moletone ; Willelmo Le Grant, de eadem ; Johanne, filio Radulfi, de eadem ; Waltero Cromeloue ; Willelmo Le Waleis ; Willelmo Persun, de eadem ; Hugone cum barba, de eadem ; Roberto Le Franceis, de eadem ; Eadmundo, clerico ; et aliis.

Seal : device, a buck's head (cross between antlers) caboshed.

191. [Same period.]—Grant by John, son of Odo de la Grene, to John Buntynge, of Moletone, and Joan, his wife, for their service and 30s. given in gersum, of a piece of arable land in Troweyefeld, to hold to them, the said John's heirs, or their assigns, doing therefor to the chief lord of the fee the due and wonted services. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Willelmo Le Grant ; Bartholomeo de la More ; Waltero Cromeloue ; Willelmo Le Galeys ; Henrico, filio Galfridi ; Willelmo Boteyn ; Roberto Le Franceys ;

Johanne Le Fronceys; Johanne, filio Radulfi; Johanne Fabro; *Duke of
Edmundo Payn; et aliis. Norfolk.*

Seal.

192. [Early Edward I.]—Grant by Richard Malyn, of Multon, to his son Thomas of $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of arable land in Walkeriscroft, to hold to him, his heirs or assigns, of the chief lords of the fee, by the due and wonted services. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Willelmo Le Grant; Thoma Malyn; Andrea, filio Galfridi; Johanne Andreu; Willelmo Andreu; Willelmo Le Galeis; Roberto Le Grant; et multis aliis.

Seal.

193. [Same period.]—Grant by Richard Malyn, of Multone, to Thomas, his son, of 3 acres $1\frac{1}{2}$ rood of arable land in Multone fields, to hold to the said Thomas, his heirs or assigns, of the chief lords of the fee, by the due and wonted services for ever. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Willelmo Le Grant; Thoma Malyn; Willelmo Galeys; Willelmo Andreu; Johanne Andreu; Willelmo Dere-ling; Roberto Le Grant; et multis aliis.

Seal.

194. [Same period.]—Grant by William Gacelyn, son of Sir Geoffrey Gacelyn, to Nicolas Le barg and Emma, his wife, for their service and 6*d.* given in gersum, of 1 rood of arable land in Moleton, to hold to them, their heirs or assigns, except a house of religion, at the yearly rent of 18*d.* and one service of ale in the autumn in lieu of all services, &c., save the king's service. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Johanne de Angnis; Willelmo Le Grant; Johanne Buntyn; Bartholomeo de la More; Waltero Crumeloue; Willelmo Boteyn; Hugone cum barba; Johanne, filio Radulfi; Johanne Le Franceys; Edmundo Payn; et aliis.

Seal, broken.

195. [Same period.]—Grant by Walter Cromeloue, of Mole-
tone, to Richard Malyn, of Moletone, for his homage and service and 10*s.* given in gersum, of $\frac{1}{2}$ acre, $\frac{1}{2}$ rood, of arable land in Hollowefeld in Moletone, to hold to him, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of 1*d.* in lieu of all services, &c., except the king's service. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Willelmo Le Grant; Bartholomeo de la More; Johanne Buntyn; Henrico, filio Galfridi; Hugone cum barba; Willelmo Boteyn; Willelmo Le Galeys; Johanne, filio Radulfi; Johanne Le Fronceys; Johanne Fabro; Willelmo, filio Radulfi; Edmundo Payn; et aliis.

Seal.

196. [Same period.]—Grant by Walter Cromeloue to Richard Malin, for a sum of money given in hand, of 8 acres of land in Multon fields and 2*s.* 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*, to hold to him, his heirs or assigns, of the chief lord of the fee, by the due and wonted services. (Warranty clause.)

Duke of Norfolk. Hiis testibus : Willelmo Le Graunt ; Johanne Buntyn ; Willelmo Botein ; Henrico Geffrey ; Andrea, filio Hugonis cum barba ; Willelmo Galeis ; Bartolomeo de Barwelle ; Johanne Andreu ; Willelmo Andreu ; Johanne de Chavele, clerico ; et aliis.

Seal.

197. [Early Edward I.]—Grant by Walter Cromeloue, of Moletone, to Richard Malin, of Moletone, for his fealty and service and $\frac{1}{2}$ mark given in gersum, of a tenement in Moletone, to hold to him, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of 2s. in lieu of all services, &c., except the king's service. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Thoma Le Mervilus, de Dalham ; Willelmo Le Grant, de Moletone ; Johanne Bunting ; Bartholomeo de la More ; Henrico, filio Galfridi ; Hugone Berd ; Willelmo Le Waleys ; Roberto Le Franceys ; Johanne, fratre suo ; Willelmo Aylbrist ; Edmundo, clerico ; Willelmo Persun ; et multis aliis.

Seal.

198. [Same period.]—Grant by John, son of Ralph de Multone, to John Bunting, of Multone, and Joan, his wife, for a sum of money given in gersum, of $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of arable land in Walkerescroft in Multone, to hold to them and the said John's heirs or assigns, of the chief lords of the fee, quit of all service, &c., but scutage. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Willelmo Le Graunt ; Ricardo Malyn ; Thoma, fratre suo ; Willelmo Boteyn ; Henrico, filio Galfridi ; Willelmo Derling ; Willelmo de Bevelers, clerico ; et multis aliis.

199. [Same period.]—Grant by Edmund de Barewell to John Andrew, of Moltone, and Margery, his wife, for a sum of money paid in gersum, of $1\frac{1}{2}$ acre of arable land in Caudenhowefeld in Moltone, to hold to them, their heirs and assigns, of the chief lords of the fee, by the due services for ever.

Hiis testibus : Ricardo Malin ; Thoma Malin ; Andrea, filio Henrici ; Bartholomeo de Barewell ; Willelmo Derling ; Willelmo Andrew ; Willelmo Le Mazoun, clerico ; et aliis.

Seal.

200. [Same period.]—Surrender by William Ailbrist to Richard Malyn, of Multon, of 1 acre of arable land in Troweyefeld, Multon, to hold to the said Richard, his heirs and assigns, for ever.

Hiis testibus : Willelmo Le Grant, de Multona ; Johanne Bunting, de eadem ; Eadmundo de Barewell, de eadem ; Hugone cum barba ; Bartolomeo de Barewell ; Thoma Malyn ; Johanne, filio Radulfi ; Henrico, filio Galfridi ; Willelmo Boteyn ; Willelmo de Bevelers, clerico ; et aliis.

201. 1281-2, Jan. 22.—Grant by William, son of Andrew de Moletone, and Margery, his wife, to Richard Malin, for his homage and service and a sum of money given in gersum, of 3 roods of arable land, in Moletone, to hold to the said

Richard, his heirs or assigns, except religious houses, at the yearly rent of 1*d.* (Warranty clause.) Dat' apud Moletone die Sancti Vincentii anno regni Domini Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Henrici, decimo. *Duke of Norfolk.*

Hiis testibus : Galfrido Arui ; Nicholao, fratre suo ; Willelmo, filio Ranulfi ; Johanne Honeman ; Waltero Coleman ; Willelmo Le Graunt ; Eadmundo, filio Pagani ; Henrico, filio Galfridi ; Johanne Bunting ; Roberto Le Fronceys ; et aliis.
Seals.

202. 1281-2, Jan. 22.—Grant by John Smith and Christiana, his wife, to Richard Malin, for his homage and service and a sum of money given in gersum, of 1 acre of arable land in Moletone, to hold to the said Richard, his heirs and assigns, except religious houses and Jewry, at the yearly rent of 1*d.* (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Willelmo Le Graunt ; Johanne Bunting ; Hugone Le Berd ; Willelmo Le Galeis ; Waltero Crumeluue ; Johanne, filio Radulfi, de Aynnews ; Henrico, filio Galfridi ; Willelmo Bodeyn ; Johanne Le Fronceys ; Willelmo Persona ; Thoma Aylryd ; et aliis.
Seals.

203. 1282, Sept. 20.—Grant by John, son of Robert de Angnis, to William Le Grant, his heirs or assigns, of Thomas, son of William Malin, native, with all his chattels, &c., and all his posterity as well procreated as to be procreated in or out of matrimony.

Hiis testibus : Thoma Le Merveilus, de Dalham ; Johanne Buntig, de Moletona ; Bartholomeo de Barewelle, de eadem ; Henrico, filio Galfridi, de eadem ; Hugone cum barba, de eadem ; Waltero Cromele, de eadem ; Willelmo Waleis ; Roberto Le Franceis, de eadem ; Johanne, fratre suo ; Johanne, filio Radulphi ; Willelmo Albrit, de eadem ; Willelmo Persun, de eadem ; Eadmundo, clerico, de eadem ; et aliis. Dat' apud Moletonam die dominica proxima post festum Sancti Lamberti anno regni Regis Eadwardi decimo.
Seal.

204. 1287-8, Jan. 5.—Grant by William, son of Simon Smith, to Adam de Wodefolde, of 1 acre of arable land in Multone, to hold to the said Adam, his heirs and assigns, of the chief lord of the fee, by the due and wonted services. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Thoma Le Graund ; Ricardo Malyn ; Thoma Malyn ; Roberto Boteyn ; Willelmo Derlyng ; Johanne Andrew ; Andrea Geffray ; et aliis. Dat' apud Multone die Lune proxima ante festum Epiphanie Domini anno regni Regis Edwardi sexto decimo.

205. 1288, Aug. 15.—Grant by William Aylbryt to Andrew, son of Henry Geffrey, for his homage and service and a sum of money given in gersum, of $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of arable land in Moletone,

Duke of Norfolk. to hold to the said Andrew, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of $\frac{1}{2}d.$ in lieu of all service save the king's scutage. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Ricardo Malyn ; Thoma Malyn ; Johanne Buntynge ; Bertolomeo de Barewelle ; Johanne Fronceys ; Willelmo Le Galeys ; et multis aliis. Dat' in festo Assumptionis Beate Marie anno regni Regis Edwardi xvi.

206. 1288, Nov. 14.—Grant by John Dayneus, son and heir of Robert Dayneus, knight, to Richard Malyn, for his homage and service and 100*l.* given in hand, of the tenements lately held by William Gacelyn in Multone and Gaysele, to hold to the said Richard, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of a pair of gilt spurs or 6*d.*, in lieu of all service save the king's scutage. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Willelmo Le Graunt ; Johanne Buntynge ; Edmundo de Barwelle ; Johanne de Chevele ; Bartholomeo de Barwelle ; Willelmo . . . ; Roberto Marescallo, de Nedham ; Nicholao Bunting ; et aliis. Dat' die dominica proxima post festum Sancti Martini anno regni Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Henrici, decimo sexto.

207. 1288-9, March 20.—Quitclaim by Isabella, widow of Richard Farewel, of Culinge, to Richard Molyn, his heirs or assigns, of all right in $1\frac{1}{2}$ acre of land in Moletone field.

Hiis testibus : Willelmo Le Grant ; Johanne Buntynge ; Henrico, filio Galfridi ; Hugone cum barba ; Waltero Cromeloue ; Edmundo Payn. Dat' apud Moletonam die dominica proxima post festum Sancti Edwardi Regis et Martyris anno regni Regis Edwardi, filii Henrici Regis, xvii.

Seal.

208. 1289, May 6.—Quitclaim by William, son of Ralph Aylbryst, to Richard Malyn of 1 acre of land in Multone, to hold to the said Richard and his heirs or assigns. Dat' apud Moletonam die Sancti Johannis ante Portam Latinam anno regni Domini Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Henrici, septimodecimo.

Hiis testibus : Willelmo Le Graunt ; Johanne Bunting ; Henrico, filio Galfridi ; Waltero Crummeloue ; Hugone cum barba ; Willelmo Andrew ; Bartholomeo de Barewelle ; Edmundo Payn ; et aliis.

Seal.

209. 1290, Oct. 6.—Grant by Richard Malyn to Thomas Malyn, his brother, for his service and a sum of money given in gersum, of a messuage and tenements in Multone town and fields, to hold to the said Thomas, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of $\frac{1}{2}d.$ in lieu of all service save the king's scutage. (Warranty clause.) Dat' die Sancte Fidis Virginis anno regni Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Henrici, decimo octavo.

Hiis testibus : Domino Roberto de Kokfeud ; Johanne Buntynge ; Henrico Geffrey ; Willelmo Le Grant ; Waltero

Crommeloue ; Hugone Le Berd ; Willelmo Galeys ; Bar-^{Duke of}
tholomeo de Barwelle ; Edmundo de Barwelle ; et multis aliis. ^{Norfolk.}
Seal.

210. 1290, Oct. 18.—Grant by Richard Malyn to Thomas Malyn, his brother, for his fealty and service and a sum of money given in gersum, of a messuage and tenements in Multon town and fields, to hold to the said Thomas, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of $\frac{1}{2}d.$ in lieu of all service save the king's scutage. Dat' in festo Sancti Luce Ewangeliste anno regni Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Henrici, decimo octavo.
(Witnessed as the preceding deed.)

211. 1290, Oct. 28.—Grant by Richard Malyn to Thomas Malyn, his brother, for his service and a sum of money given in gersum, of 10 acres of land in Multone fields, to hold to the said Thomas, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of $1d.$ in lieu of all service except the king's scutage. Dat' in festo Apostolorum Symonis et Jude anno regni Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Henrici, decimo octavo.

Hiis testibus : Domino Roberto de Kokefeud ; Henrico Geffrey ; Edmundo de Barwelle ; Bartholomeo de Barwelle ; Hugone Le Berd ; Willelmo Persun ; Willelmo Aylbryght ; Willelmo Derlyng ; Edmundo, clerico ; et multis aliis.

Seal.

212. 1294, Aug. 15.—Grant by John, son of Ralph de Moleton, to Andrew, son of Henry Geffrey, for his service and a sum of money given in gersum, of $1\frac{1}{2}$ acre of arable land in Moleton, to hold to him and his heirs or assigns of the chief lords of the fee, by the service of $1\frac{1}{2}d.$ payable yearly, quit of all other services, &c., except the king's scutage. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Willelmo Le Grant ; Johanne Bunting ; Ricardo Malin ; Thoma Malin ; Willelmo Derling ; Hugone Le Berd ; Willelmo Galeys ; Johanne Le Franceys ; et multis aliis. Dat' apud Moltonam die dominica proxima post festum Sancti Laurencii Martiris anno regni Regis Edwardi vicesimo secundo.

213. 1294, Nov. 14.—Grant by William, son of Ralph Aylbrist, of Multone, to Richard Malyn, of the same place, for a sum of money given in gersum, of 1 acre of arable land in Troweyefeld in Multone, to hold to him, his heirs or assigns, of the chief lords of the fee, by the due and wonted services. (Warranty clause.) Dat' die dominica proxima post festum Sancti Martini anno regni Regis Eadwardi vicesimo secundo finiente.

Hiis testibus : Willelmo Le Graunte ; Johanne Buntyn ; Eadmundo de Barewelle ; Hugone cum barba ; Bartolomeo de la Mora ; Thoma Malyn ; Johanne de Chevele ; Henrico, filio Galfridi ; Willelmo Boteyn ; Johanne Le Fronceys ; Albrico, clerico ; Waltero Cromeloue ; Willelmo de Beveleris ; et multis aliis.

Seal.

Duke of Norfolk. 214. 1295, Easter Term.—Grant by William Ailbrist, of Multone, to John Andreu, of Multone, and Joan, his wife, for a sum of money given in hand, of 4 acres of arable land in Trouweyfeld, Caldenhouefeld and Hollowedene, in Multone, to hold to them, and the said John's heirs or assigns, of the chief lords of the fee, by the due and wonted services. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Willelmo Le Graunt ; Ricardo Malin ; Henrico Geffrey ; Thoma Malin ; Johanne de Chavele ; Willelmo Galeis ; Willelmo Andreu ; et aliis. Dat' apud Multone ad Terminum Pasche anno regni Regis Edwardi vicesimo tercio.

Seal.

215. 1295, July 20.—Grant by Christina, widow of John Le Smyth, of Multone, to Thomas Malyn, of the same place, for a sum of money given in hand, of 2 acres of arable land in Troweyefeld and Hollowefeld in Multone, to hold to the said Thomas, his heirs and assigns, of the chief lord of the fee, by the due and wonted services for ever. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Willelmo Le Graunte ; Johanne Buntyng ; Ricardo Malyn ; Henrico Geffrey ; Hugone Le Berd ; Edmundo de Barewelle ; Bartholomeo de Barewelle ; Willelmo Boteyn ; Willelmo Aybryth ; et aliis.

Dat' in festo Sancte Margarete Virginis anno regni Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Henrici, vicesimo tercio.

Seal.

216. [c. same date.]—Quitclaim by John, son and heir of John Smith, of Multone, to Thomas Malyn, of Multone, his heirs or assigns, of all right in 2 acres of land in Troweyefeld and Hollowefeld in Multone. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Willelmo Le Graunt ; Johanne Buntyng ; Ricardo Malyn ; Henrico Geffrei ; Hugone Le Berd ; Edmundo de Barwelle ; Bartholomeo, de eadem ; et multis aliis.

Seal.

217. [c. same date.]—Quitclaim by the same to the same of 4½ acres in Multone. Given for the quitclaim 4s.

Hiis testibus : Willelmo Le Graunt ; Johanne Buntyng ; Ricardo Malyn ; Hugone cum barba ; Bartholomeo de Barewelle ; et multis aliis.

Seal.

218. [c. same date.]—Quitclaim by the same to the same of 2 acres in Kalekyhel and Hollowefeld in Multone.

Hiis testibus : Willelmo Le Graunt ; Johanne Buntyng ; Ricardo Malyn ; Willelmo Botayn ; Henrico Geffrei ; Hugone Le Berd ; Edmundo de Barewelle ; Bartholomeo, de eadem ; et multis aliis.

Seal.

219. [c. same date.]—Grant by Christina, widow of John Smith, of Multone, to Thomas Malyn, of Multone, and Joan, his

wife, for their service and a sum of money given in hand, of $1\frac{1}{2}$ acre of land in Troweyefeld, to hold to the said Thomas and Joan, and their heirs or assigns, of the chief lords of the fee, by the due and wonted services, remainder in default of issue to the said Joan for her life, and after her death to Andrew, son of Richard Malyn, his heirs or assigns. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Willelmo Le Graunt; Ricardo Malyn; Johanne Buntyn; Edmundo de Barewelle; Bertholomeo de Barewelle; Willelmo Boteyn; Henrico, filio Galfridi; Hugone cum barba; Johanne Andreu; et multis aliis.

Seal.

220. [c. same date.]—Grant by the same to Richard Malyn, of Multone, for his service and a sum of money given in gersum, of 2 acres of arable land in Hollowefelde, Multone, to hold to the said Richard, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of 2*d.* in lieu of all services, &c., save the king's scutage. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Willelmo Le Graund; Johanne Buntyn; Willelmo Botayn; Henrico Geffrei; Hugone Le Berd; Bartholomeo de Barwelle; Edmundo de Barwelle; Willelmo Aylbryht; Willelmo Persun; Willelmo Derlyng; et multis aliis.

Seal.

221. [c. same date.]—Quitclaim by John, son and heir of John Smith, to Richard Malyn, of $6\frac{1}{2}$ acres of arable land in Multone fields. Given for the quitclaim 2*s.*

Hiis testibus: Willelmo Le Graunt; Johanne Buntyn; Willelmo Botayn; Thoma Malyn; Henrico Geffrei; Hugone Le Berd; Willelmo Derling; et multis aliis.

Seal, broken.

222. [c. same date.]—Quitclaim by Cristiana, widow of John Smith, of Moletone, to Richard Malin, of Moletone, of all lands that he ever acquired from her late husband.

Hiis testibus: Johannes (*sic*) Bunting; Henrico Geffrei; Hugone cum barba; Willelmus (*sic*) Persone; Johannes (*sic*) fil' Radulfi; Willelmus (*sic*) Andreu.

223. [c. same date.]—Quitclaim by the same to Thomas Malin, of Moletone, of all her rights in the land that he had by grant of her late husband.

Hiis testibus: Johannes (*sic*) Le Franceis; Johannes (*sic*), filius Radulfi; Willelmus (*sic*) Persone; Willelmus (*sic*) Galeys; Willelmus (*sic*) Andreu; Edmundus (*sic*) Pain; Johannes (*sic*) de Chevele; Robertus (*sic*) Danyeus; et multis aliis.

Seal, broken.

224. 1295-6, Jan. 5.—Release by Roysia, widow of William Smith, of Aysle, to Richard Malyn, of Multon, her heirs or assigns, of all her right in a denariate of yearly rent and in all services appurtenant to a rood of land in Aysle field. Gersum paid for

Duke of Norfolk. the quitclaim. Dat' die Sancti Edwardi Regis anno regni Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Henrici, vicesimo quarto.

Hiis testibus: Willelmo Le Graunt; Thoma Malyn; Willelmo Botayn; Henrico Geffrey; Hugone Le Berd; Edmundo de Barewelle; Bartholomeo, de eadem; Willelmo Aylbryht; et multis aliis.

225. 1296, Easter Monday.—Grant by Walter Crommeloue, of Moletone, to William Le Graunt, of the same place, of a parcel of a messuage in Moletone, to hold to him, his heirs or assigns, of the chief lords of the fee, by the due and wonted services. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Johanne Daunyeus; Edmundo de Barwelle; Ricardo Malin; Johanne Bunting; Willelmo Boteyn; Henrico Geffrey; Thoma Malin; Johanne de Chevele; Bartholomeo de Barewelle; Hugone cum barba; et multis aliis. Dat' apud Moletonam die Lune in septimana Pasche anno regni Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Henrici, xxiii.

Seal.

226. 1296, Easter Term.—Grant by William Ailbrist, of Multone, to John Andreu, of Multone, for a sum of money given in hand, of an acre of land in Trouweyfeld in Multone, to hold to him, his heirs or assigns, of the chief lords of the fee, by the due and wonted services. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Ricardo Malyn; Willelmo Botein; Henrico Geffrey; Thoma Malin; Johanne de Chavele; Willelmo Andreu; et aliis. Dat' apud Multone ad terminum Pasche anno regni Regis Edwardi vicesimo quarto.

Seal.

227. [Same period.]—Grant by William, son of Ralph Aylbrit, of Multon, to Richard Malyn, of Multon, for his service and a sum of money given in hand, of 2 acres of arable land in Hollowefeld and Troweyfeld, in Multon, to hold of the chief lords of the fee at the rent of 1*l.* in lieu of all services, &c., save the king's scutage. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Willelmo Le Grant; Johanne Buntyn; Henrico, filio Galfridi; Thoma Malyn; Hugone cum barba; Edmundo de Barewell; Waltero Cromeloue; Henrico Hone-man; Willelmo Fabro; et aliis.

Seal.

228. 1296, June 24.—Grant by William Aylbrist, of Multon, to John Andreu and Joan, his wife, for a sum of money given in hand, of 3 acres of arable land in Multone, to hold to them and the said John's heirs of the chief lords of the fee, by the due and wonted services for ever. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Ricardo Malyn; Thoma fratre ipsius; Henrico Geffrey; Willelmo Boteyn; Willelmo Le Grant; Johanne de Chavele, et Willelmo Andre'; et aliis. Dat' apud Multonam

ad festum Sancti Johannis Baptiste anno regni Regis Edwardi *Duke of
vicesimo quarto. Norfolk.*

Seal wanting.

229. 1296, July 1.—Grant by Henry de Trostone and Ymayna, his wife, to Richard Malyn, of Multone, for his service and a sum of money given in hand, of $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of arable land in Prestonhowe, to hold to him, his heirs or assigns, of the chief lords of the fee, by the due and wonted services for ever. (Warranty clause.) Dat' die dominica proxima post festum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli anno regni Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Henrici, vicesimo quarto.

Hiis testibus: Johanne Buntyng; Willelmo Le Grant, Willelmo Botayn; Henrico Geffrey; Edmundo de Barwelle; Bartholomeo, de eadem; Hugone Le Berd; Thoma Malyn; Willelmo Aylbryht; et multis aliis.

Seals.

230. [Same date.]—Grant by William, son of Ralph de Moletone, to Jolan, son of Andrew, of the same place, of an acre of arable land in Hollowedene, to hold to the said John, his heirs or assigns, of the chief lords of the fee, by the due services. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Ricardo Malyn; Thoma Malyn; Henrico, filio Galfridi; Andrea, filio Henrici; Radulfo, filio Henrici; Willelmo Persoun; Waltero Persoun; Willelmo Derling; Johanne Aylbrit; Thoma Le Graunt; et multis aliis. Dat' apud Moletonam die dominica in octabis Nativitatis Beati Johannis Baptiste anno regni Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Henrici, xxiiij.

Seal.

231. 1296, Sept. 14.—Grant by Edmund de Barwell to Richard Malyn, of Multon, and his heirs, for a sum of money given in hand, of three denariates of yearly rent of a tenement in Multone, to hold to him, his heirs or assigns. Dat' in festo Exaltacionis Sancte Crucis anno regni Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Henrici, vicesimo quarto.

Hiis testibus: Johanne Buntyng; Willelmo Le Graunt; Henry Geffrey; Willelmo Botayn; Thoma Malyn; Hugone Le Berd; Bartholomeo de Barwell; Willelmo Aylbryht; Willelmo Derlyng; et multis aliis.

232. [Same date.]—The like grant by the same to the same of twelve denariates of rent of a messuage in Multone. The same witnesses.

Seal.

233. 1296, Sept. 21.—Grant by the same to the same, for the like consideration, of one acre and a half of arable land in Troweyefeld at Loselowe in Multone, to hold to him and his heirs or assigns of the chief lords of the fee, by the due and wonted services for ever. (Warranty clause.) Dat' in festo

Duke of Norfolk. Sancti Mathei Apostoli anno regni Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Henrici, vicesimo quarto.

Seal. The same witnesses.

234. 1296, Sept. 21.—Grant by the same to the same, for the like consideration, of 4 acres of arable land in Caldenhowefeld in Multon, to hold to him, his heirs or assigns, of the chief lords of the fee, by the due and wonted services for ever. (Warranty clause.)

Seal. The same witnesses.

235. 1296–7, Feb. 25.—Grant by William, son of Ralph Aylbrit, of Moletone, to Richard Malyn, of the same place, of 1½ acre of arable land in Trouweyefeld, to hold to him, his heirs or assigns, of the chief lords of the fee, by the due services. (Warranty clause.) Dat' apud Moletonam vicesimo quinto die Februarii anno regni Regis Edwardi vicesimo quinto.

Hiis testibus: Willelmo Le Graunt; Roberto Daygneus; Thoma Malyn; Henrico Geffrey; Willelmo Boteyn; Johanne Fraunceys; Willelmo Derling; Johanne Bunting; Edmundo de Barewelle; Waltero Cromeloue; et aliis.

Seal.

236. 1297–8, March 9.—Quitclaim by Bartholomew, son of Walter West, of Wridelington, to Richard Malyn, of Multone, of an acre of arable land in Multone. Dat' die dominica proxima ante festum Sancti Gregorii anno regni Regis Edwardi vicesimo sexto.

Hiis testibus: Willelmo Le Grant; Thoma Malyn; Henrico, filio Galfridi; Albrico, clerico; Willelmo Boteyn; Ada Atebregge; Radulfo Godale; Simone Ringedale, de Kenteford; et aliis.

237. 1298, Sept. 25.—Grant by Bartholomew, son of Walter West, of Wridelington, to Richard Malyn, for a sum of money given in gersum, of 3 acres of arable land in Multon fields, to hold to the said Richard, his heirs or assigns, of the chief lords of the fee, by the due and wonted services and the king's scutage. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Humfrido de Crykotes; Willelmo de Grant; Thoma Malyn; Henrico, filio Galfridi; Willelmo Boteyn, de Multone; Johanne de Lerwe, de Kenteford; Johanne, filio Gilberti, de eadem; Simone Ringedale, de eadem; et aliis multis. Dat' apud Kenteford die Jovis proxima post festum Sancti Mathei Apostoli anno regni Regis Edwardi vicesimo sexto.

Seal, broken.

238. 1298, Sept. 29.—Grant by Edmund de Barwell to Richard Malyn, for a sum of money given in hand, of 5 acres of arable land in Multone, to wit, 3 acres in Walkerscroft and 2 acres in Caldenhowefeld, to hold to him, his heirs or assigns, of the chief lords of the fee, by the due and wonted services for ever.

(Warranty clause.) Dat' in festo Beati Michaelis anno regni *Duke of*
Regis Edwardi vicesimo sexto. *Norfolk.*

Hiis testibus : Willelmo Le Graunt ; Johanne Buntynge ;
Thoma Malyn ; Willelmo Botayn ; Henrico Geffrey ; Johanne
Andreu ; Hugone Berd ; Willelmo Aylbryht ; Willelmo
Derlyng ; et multis aliis.

Seal.

239. 1298, Dec. 13.—Grant by the same to Richard Malyn,
of Multon, for his service and a sum of money given in hand,
of 1 acre of arable land in Troweyefeld in Multon, to hold to
him, his heirs or assigns, of the chief lords of the fee by the
due and wonted services for ever. (Warranty clause.) Dat'
in festo Sancte Lucie Virginis anno regni Regis Edwardi vicesimo
septimo.

Hiis testibus : Johanne Buntynge ; Thoma Malyn ; Edmundo
de Barwelle ; Bartholomeo, de eadem ; Henrico Geffrey ;
Hugone Le Berd ; Johanne Andrea ; Willelmo Aylbryht ;
Willelmo Derlyng ; et multis aliis.

Seal.

240. 1298, Dec. 21.—Grant by the same to the same, for the
like consideration, of 3 acres of arable land in Hollowefeld in
Multone, to hold to him, his heirs or assigns, of the chief lords
of the fee, by the due and wonted services for ever. (Warranty
clause.)

Dat' in festo Sancti Thome Apostoli anno regni Regis
Edwardi vicesimo septimo.

Witnessed as in the preceding deed.

Seal.

241. 1298-9, March 15.—Grant by Bartholomew West, of
Wridlington, nephew of Ymayne de Kenteford, to Richard
Malyn, of Moltone, for a sum of money given in gersum, of
2 acres of arable land in Spitilfeld in Moltone, to hold to him,
his heirs or assigns, of the chief lords of the fee by the due
and wonted services. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Willelmo Le Grant ; Bartholomeo de
Barewell ; Hugone cum barba ; Toma Malyn ; Johanne
Andreu ; Ada ad pontem ; Radulfo Godale. Dat' apud
Moletone die dominica proxima post festum Sancti Gregorii
anno regni Regis Edwardi vicesimo vij^o.

Seal.

242. 1299, April 12.—Quitclaim by Walter Cromeloue,
of Moltone, to Richard Malyn, of Moltone, for a sum of money
given in hand, of all right in 2s. 10½d. and 2½d. of yearly rent
which the said Richard was wont to pay him in respect of three
tenements. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Willelmo Le Grant ; Johanne Bunting ;
Toma Malyn ; Willelmo Boteyn ; Henrico, filio Galfridi ;
Hugone cum barba ; Willelmo Galeys ; Johanne de Chevele ;

Duke of Norfolk. et multis aliis. Dat' apud Moltonam die dominica ramis palmarum anno regni Regis Edwardi vicesimo septimo.

Seal.

243. 1299, April 12.—Quitclaim by the same to the same, for the like consideration, of 8 acres of arable land in Moltone fields and 2s. 2½d. of yearly rent, to hold to him, his heirs or assigns, doing therefor the due and wonted services to the chief lords of the fee. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Willelmo Le Grant; Johanne Bonting; Henrico, filio Galfridi; Willelmo Boteyn; Thoma Malyn; Hugone cum barba; Johanne de Chevele; et multis aliis. Dat' apud Moltonam die Dominica ramis palmarum anno regni Regis Edwardi vicesimo septimo.

Seal.

244. 1299, July 8.—Grant by Bartholomew West, of Wridlington, to Richard Malyn, of Moltone, of three roods of arable land in Spitulfeld in Moltone, to hold to him, his heirs or assigns, of the chief lords of the fee, by the due and wonted services. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Willelmo Le Grant; Edmundo de Barewell; Henrico, filio Galfridi; Thoma Malyn; Johanne Andreu; Radulfo Godale; Ada ad pontem. Dat' apud Moltone die Mercurii proxima post festum translacionis Sancti Tome Archiepiscopi anno regni Regis Edwardi vicesimo vij.

Seal.

245. 1299, Sept. 29.—Grant by Christina, late wife of John Smith, of Multon, to Thomas Malyn and Joan, his wife, for their service and a sum of money given in hand, of 4 acres of arable land in Caldenhowefeld and Hollowefeld in Multone, to hold to them and their heirs or assigns, remainder in default of issue to Andrew, son of Richard Malin, his heirs or assigns. (Warranty clause.) Dat' in festo Beati Michaelis anno regni Regis Edwardi vicesimo septimo.

Hiis testibus: Willelmo Le Graunt; Ricardo Malyn; Johanne Buntyn; Edmundo Barwelle; Bartholomeo, de eadem; Willelmo Boteyn; Henrico Geffrey; Hugone Le Berd; Johanne Andreu; et multis aliis.

Seal.

246. 1299-1300, March 19.—Grant by Bartholomew West, of Kenteford, nephew of Ymaine of Kenteford, to Richard, son of William Malyn, of Moletone, for a sum of money given in gersum, of 2 acres of arable land in Spitulfeld in Moltone, to hold to him, his heirs or assigns, of the chief lords of the fee, by the due and wonted service. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Willelmo Le Grant, de Molton'; Johanne Bonting, de eadem; Henrico, filio Galfridi; Willelmo Boteyn; Hugone cum barba; Willelmo Le Galys; et multis aliis. Dat' apud Molton' die Sabbati proxima post festum Sancti Gregorii Pape anno regni Regis Edwardi vicesimo viij°.

Seal.

247. 1301, June 11.—Grant by Christina, widow of John Smith, of Multone, to Thomas Malyn, of the same place, and Joan, his wife, for their service and a sum of money given in hand, of a piece of arable land in Troweyefeld in Multone, to hold to them, their heirs or assigns, of the chief lord of the fee, by the due and wonted services for ever. (Warranty clause.) Remainder in the event of the demise of the said Thomas and Joan without heir to Andrew, son of Richard Malyn, his heirs or assigns. Dat' die dominica proxima ante festum Sancti Botulfi anno regni Regis Edwardi, filio Regis Henrici, vicesimo nono.

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Hiis testibus: Willelmo Le Graund; Ricardo Malyn; Johanne Buntyn; Henrico Geffrey; Edmundo de Barwelle; Bartholomeo, de eadem; Hugone Le Berd; Willelmo Derlyng; Andrea Geffrey; et multis aliis.

Seal.

248. 1301, Nov. 27.—Grant by Margery, widow of William Boteyn, of Moltone, to Sir Alexander, rector of Eversden church, in the diocese of Ely, of a messuage with croft and other appurtenances in the parishes of Moltone and Kenteford, to hold to him, his heirs or assigns, of the chief lords of the fee, by the due and wonted services save the king's forinsec service. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Ricardo Malyn; Roberto de Ayneus; Henrico, filio Galfridi; Thoma Malyn; Bartholomeo Barewelle; et aliis. Dat' apud Moltonam die Lune proxima post festum Sancti Edmundi confessoris anno regni Regis Edwardi tricesimo.

249. 1302, July 3.—Grant by Edmund de Barewelle to John Andreu, of Multone, and Joan, his wife, for a sum of money given in gersum, of $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of arable land in Caldenhowefeld, Multone, to hold to the said John and Joan, and their heirs and assigns, of the chief lords of the fee by the due and wonted services for ever. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Ricardo Malyn; Thoma Malyn; Henrico, filio Galfridi; Bartholomeo de Barewelle; Hugone Le Berd; Willelmo Galeys; Willelmo Andreu; et aliis. Dat' die Martis proxima post festum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli anno regni Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Henrici, tricesimo.

Seal.

250. 1302, Dec. 6.—Grant by Hugh, son of John Le Berd, to Thomas, son of Richard Malyn, of 3 roods of arable land in Multon fields, to hold to the said Thomas, his heirs or assigns, of the chief lords of the fee, by the due and wonted services. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Roberto Danews; Willelmo Le Grant; Thoma Malyn; Johanne Andrea; Willelmo Andrea; Roberto Le Grant, clerico; et multis aliis. Dat' die Jovis in festo Sancti Nicholai Episcopi et Confessoris anno regni Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Henrici, tricesimo primo.

Seal.

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Norfolk.*

251. 1303-4, Feb. 6.—Grant by Walter, son of William Persoun, of Multone, to Richard Malyn, of Multone, for a sum of money given in hand, of 1 acre of arable land in Stouleefeld in Multone, to hold to him, his heirs or assigns, doing therefor the due and wonted services to the chief lords of the fee. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Willelmo Le Graunt ; Bartholomeo Le (*sic*) Barwelle ; Edmundo de Barwelle ; Andrea Geffrey ; Willelmo Dyrlyng ; Roberto Botayn ; Alberico, clerico ; et aliis. Dat' apud Multonam die Jovis proxima post festum Purificacionis Beate Marie anno regni Regis Edwardi, filius (*sic*) Regis Henrici, xxxij^o.

Seal.

252. 1305, Dec. 21.—Grant by John, son of Walter Crommeloue, of Multon, to Richard, son of Richard Malyn, of the same place, for his service and a sum of money given in hand, of 1 acre of arable land in Stonihel in Multon, to hold to him, his heirs or assigns, of the chief lord of the fee, by the due and wonted services for ever. (Warranty clause.) Dat' in festo Sancti Thome Apostoli anno regni Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Henrici, tricesimo quarto.

Hiis testibus : Johanne Dayneus ; Johanne Buntynge ; Ricardo Malyn ; Thoma Malyn ; Edmundo de Barwelle ; Andrea, filio Henrici Geffrey ; Hugone Le Berd ; Willelmo Derlyng ; Alberico, clerico ; Johanne de la Berwe ; Johanne Le Warde ; Symone Ryngedale ; Adam, clerico ; et multis aliis.

Seal, broken.

253. 1306, Mich. Term.—Grant by Stephen Baldewene, of Badmundisfelde, and Amise, his wife, of Multone, to John Brice, of Chevele, and Joan, his wife, for 10s. given in hand, of $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of land in Hollowefeld in Multone, to hold to the said John and Joan, their heirs or assigns, of the chief lords of the fee, by the due and wonted services. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Galfrido de Sancto Edmundo ; Thoma Malin ; Andrea Geffrey ; Johanne Franceys ; Alberico, clerico ; Willelmo Derlyng ; Petro de Risbi ; et aliis. Dat' apud Moletone Termino Sancti Michaelis anno regni Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Henrici, tricesimo quarto.

Seal.

254. 1307, April 17.—Grant by Edmund de Barewelle to John Andrew, of Multone, and Joan, his wife, for a sum of money given in gersum, of $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of arable land in Cadenhowefeld, to hold to the said John and Joan, their heirs, and the said John's assigns, rendering due services to the chief lords of the fee.

Hiis testibus : Ricardo Malyn ; Thoma Malyn ; Andrea, filio Henrici ; Bartholomeo de Barewelle ; Willelmo Derelinge ; Roberto Le Graunt, clerico ; Willelmo Andreu ; Willelmo Le Mazoun, de Cheuele, clerico ; et aliis. Dat' apud Multone

die Lune proxima ante festum Sancti Georgii Martiris anno *Duke of Norfolk.*
regni Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Henrici, tricesimo quinto.
Seal.

Subsequent deeds continue the history of this manor as far as 1433.

NEWTON (NEWETUNE).

255. [Early Hen. III.]—Grant by Roger de Newetune to Swein, chaplain, for his homage and service, of a field called Pullequenestoc; to hold to him, Swein, and his assigns, at the yearly rent of 4*d.* Given in gersum, 18*s.* to the donor, 16*d.* to his wife, Isabel, who quitclaims the field, 2*d.* to the donor's heir, and 1*d.* to each of his sons. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Johanne, filio Nicolai ; Warino, filio Gilleberti ; Harsculfo Gernet ; Henrico Martel ; Gilleberto Triket ; Henrico, fratre eius ; Willelmo de Camera ; Gilleberto Waleis ; Galfrido, clerico ; Waltero Doget ; Roberto, diacono, qui hanc cartam scripsit ; et multis aliis.

1362-1444.—Later deeds. Among the persons named are Thomas Cole, William Asger, John de Tilneye and Bartholomew del Appelyerd, 1362 ; Richard Holdych and Sibyl, widow of Nicholas Le Leche, 1384 ; Thomas Bumpstede, William Ludham, Henry Rante and Nicholas Appelyerd, 1444.

NORWICH.

256. [12th-13th century.]—Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Johannes Marescallus concessi et dedi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Roberto Le Mercer. de Norewico, pro homagio suo et servicio, illam terram meam que jacet inter terram Domini Rogeri de Cressi et terram Philippi de Naringes in villa de Norwico, Habendam et tenendam illi et heredibus suis, de me et heredibus meis, libere et quiete, bene et in pace, saluis mihi et heredibus meis omnibus libertatibus quas habuimus uel habere poterimus in dicta uilla de Norwico per predictam terram, Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis ille et heredes sui duos solidos sterlingorum ad hos terminos, scilicet, ad festum Sancti Michaelis duodecim denarios et ad Pasca duodecim denarios pro omni consuetudine et exactione. Et ut hec mea concessio et donacio firma sit et stabilis, illam sigillo meo affirmavi.

Hiis testibus : Roberto de Mara ; Roberto de Braibof ; Thoma de Bacunestorp ; Willelmo de Henigham ; Thoma, filio Simonis ; Jurdano de Bermingeham ; Willelmo de Glovernia ; Willelmo de Camera ; Simone Comite ; Reginaldo de Burgo ; Willelmo de Remerstone ; Simone de Sancto Leonardo.

257. [1223 ?]—Sale by William, son of Seyue, to William de Becco, for 23*l.*, of 32 solidates of yearly rent of messuages in Norwich, the moiety of a stall in Manecroft, the rents of two stalls, 14*d.* and 12*d.* respectively, and a shop in Norwich,

Duke of Norfolk. to hold to the said William, his heirs or assigns, for ever, quit of all service but the king's landgable. Et ego Willelmus filius Seyue secundum leges et consuetudines Norwici dedi unum denarium exeundi Balliuis Norwici, et predictus Willelmus de Becco dedit unum denarium eisdem balliuis ingrediendi. (Warranty clause.)

Testibus: Laurencio, Decano de Depwade; Willelmo Sermoncinatore; Ricardo Monacho, Henrico, filio Eustacii, Radulfo Estrensy, tunc ballivis Norwici; Willelmo de Remerestuna; Reginaldo de Burgo; Roberto de Coventre; Nicholao, filio Clementis; Thoma, fratre suo; Wiet'aluterio; Nicholao, filio Macelline; Gileberto, aurifabro; Galfrido, filio Edwardi; Rogero de Wdetuune; Rogero, filio Gerberge; Petro de Hellingham; Philippo Scarpe; Galfrido de La Baile; Edmundo, filio Johannis; Alexandro de Hetune; et multis aliis.

Seal.

258. [Early Hen. III.]—Quitclaim by Walter de Kerebroch, sermoner, and Emma, his wife, to Amabel de Freton and her daughter Katherine, of all right in a messuage in Parva Neugate St., Norwich, to hold to the said Amabel and Katherine their heirs or assigns, for ever, at the yearly rent of 2s. to Walter Sket, the elder, and his heirs, and 4d. to the House of Karhowe. Given in hand by Amabel and Katherine, 2 marks.

Hiis testibus: Alexandro de Kirkeby, clerico; Willelmo Molle; Roberto de Riueshale; Thoma de Brunstede; Alano de Mannegrene; Willelmo de Cogeshale; Radulfo Punce; Henrico Wrenne; Cristino Gallico; Rogero, clerico; et aliis.

Seals.

259. [1242?]—Grant by Brother Lupus, procurator general of the Hospital of Roncevaux in England, to Goscelin Godale, of a messuage in the parish of St. Christopher, Norwich, to hold to the said Goscelin, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of 2s. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Waltero de Sancta Etheldreda, Willelmo de Welles, Adam Crode, Willelmo Tonsore, tunc temporis balliuis Norwic; Hamone, clerico; Willelmo de Dunewicz; Willelmo Picot; Rogero Lindraper; Petro Buttesmut; Hingelero Le Carter; Rogero de Roluesbi; Johanne Oliue; Stephano Barbur; Galfrido, clerico; et multis aliis.

Seal.

260. [1244?]—Quitclaim by Thomas, son of John Martin, to William de Hapesburg, of all right in a messuage in the parish of St. Clement in Cunesford and in 40 denariates of yearly rent of a booth in Norwich market, to hold the same to the said William, his heirs or assigns. Given for the quitclaim, 20 marks. Et secundum consuetudinem et legem ciuitatis Norwici ego predictus Thomas dedi unum denarium

de iure meo exeundi pro me et heredibus meis in perpetuum, et predictus Willelmus dedit unum denarium ad ius suum intrandi pro se et heredibus suis in perpetuum. *Duke of Norfolk.*

Hiis testibus: Hugone de Burnham, Adam Croyde; Semanno Wrinel, Willelmo Le Chaloner, tunc temporis ballivis Norwici; Henrico de Wittone; Waltero de Sancta Eldreda; Nicholao de Hakeford; Henrico Diggard; Clemente de Stanford; Adam de Reymerston; Willelmo de Welles; Simone de Berstrete; Johanne Harman; Johanne Martin; Johanne Chese; Willelmo de Donewico; Waltero Saluz; Roberto de Lenne; Johanne Warin; Hamone, clerico; et multis aliis.

261. [Mid-13th century.]—Grant by Lady Alina, widow of John Le Mareschal, to Robert Le Mercer, of Norwich, for his service, of the land between that of Lady Isabel de Cressi and that formerly of Philip de Naringes in Norwich, to hold to the said Robert, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of 2s.

Hiis testibus: Domino Matheo de Morlee; Rogero, persona de Mateschale; Ricardo de Tudenham; Johanne de Estona; Andrea de Lingwde, clerico; Henrico Payn; Magistro Willelmo de Thrickebi; Simone, filio Nicholai; Willelmo de Bec; et aliis.

262. [Same period.]—Grant by Hubert, son of John de Acle, to Godwin de Mallingham, chaplain, of a piece of land in the parish of St. Elena, Norwich, to hold to the said Godwin or his assigns, except men of religion and Jews, at the yearly rent of 12d. Given in gersum, 1 mark. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Bartholomeo, clerico; Johanne de Les; Stephano Gust; Silvestro Pudding; Benedicto, aurifabro; Magistro Johanne, de Tilneya; Laurencio de Braken; David de Bernham; Roberto, janitore; Herveo Campeneys; Andrea, clerico; et multis aliis.

Seal.

263. [Same period.]—Grant by Maud, daughter of Odo Le Mercer, to Andrew Le Taillur, with Isabel, her niece, in marriage, of her land next the church of St. Mary Parva before Monks' Gates and abutting upon Tomeland, to hold to the said Andrew and his heirs by the said Isabel, subject to a life interest reserved by Maud, with reversion to her in the event of Isabel's death without heir.

Hiis testibus: Jacobo de Dunham; Willelmo, capellano; Henrico, capellano; Roberto, patre dicte Ysabelle; Hugone, clerico; Jacobo Knot, Johanne Martin, Hugone Permentario, tunc temporis ballivis; Willelmo Payne; Ricardo de Dickebrict.

Seal.

264. [Same period.]—Grant by Richard de Cottone to Henry, son of Adam Le Cordewaner, of Norwich, of a stall in Norwich

Duke of Norfolk. market, to hold to the said Henry, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of a clove of gillyflower. (Warranty clause.)
Given in gersum, 10s.

Hiis testibus: Waltero de Castello, Willelmo Le Cunte, Johanne Le Grant, Nicholao de Estone, tunc balliuis Norwici; Richero Nade; Simone Le Trovur; Waltero Bisleph; Rogero Pope; Helisco de Hokeringe; Rogero Bertelmeu; Michael de Ely; Waltero Gambage; Rogero de Surlingham; Ricardo Le Herre; Rogero, clerico; et aliis.

265. [1267.]—Grant by Walter Le Mercer, of Norwich, and Alice, his wife, to St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich, for 6 marks, 4s. given in gersum, of 8s. 6d. of yearly rent receivable in respect of 2 messuages in the parish of St. Peter of Manecroft, and 2s. of rent receivable in respect of a messuage in the parish of St. Grégory, the money to be applied to the maintenance of the light before the cross and the altar of the Blessed Virgin in the said Hospital, to hold to the said Hospital at the yearly rent of a clove of gillyflower. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Nicholao de Ely, Ada de Toftes, Rogero de Swerdeston, Nicholao de Estona, tunc balliuis in villa Norwyci; Willelmo de Donewyco; Alexandro de Refham; Simone Le Paumer; Johanne Nade; Johanne Le Graunt; Alexandro de Westona; Rogero Packe; Simone de Belhage; Henrico de Heylesdona; et aliis.

Two seals.

266. [1269.]—Grant by William de Dunwich, and Catherine, his wife, to St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich, of the rents of divers messuages in Norwich, to hold to the said Hospital in frankalmoin, quit of all secular service except a yearly rent of 6d. payable in respect of one of the messuages to the Prior and Convent of St. Faith.

Testibus: Petro But, Nicholao de Ingham, Ada de Toftes, tunc balliuis Norwici; Willelmo Le Counte; Willelmo Pikot; Hugone Le Tundur; Alexandro de Refham; Rogero de Risinges; Willelmo de Rollesby; Johanne de Howe; Johanne Ston; et aliis.

Seal.

267. [Late Hen. III.]—Quitclaim by John Smith, of Holmestrete, with the consent of his wife Isabel, to Sir Hamo, Master, and the Brethren of St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich, of the land which the donor holds of the said Hospital in Norwich, to hold to the said Master and Brethren and their successors for ever in frankalmoin.

Testibus: Henrico Payn; Radulfo Gust; Willelmo Silvestre; Radulfo Heved'; Johanne, filio suo; Alexandro de Brundal'; Johanne de Brighem; et Roberto Le May; Willelmo de Granger; Johanne de Jafres; et aliis.

Two seals.

268. [1274-5.]—Quitclaim by William, son of Peter But, of Norwich, to Sir Robert, Master, and the Brethren of St. Giles'

Hospital, Norwich, of land formerly held by his uncle Richard without St. Austin's Gates, Norwich, and of 16s. of yearly rent receivable in respect of a windmill, and 5s. of yearly rent receivable in respect of the stone houses of Nicholas de Ingham in Cooks' Street, Norwich, to hold to the said Master and Brethren and their successors in frankalmoin. *Duke of Norfolk.*

Testibus : Domino Roberto, filio Johannis, tunc Vicecomite Norfolk'; Ada de Toftes, Henrico de Heylesdune, Rogero de Wyleby, Willelmo de Rollesby, tunc ballivis Norwici; Roberto Thurkild de Gernemuta; Ricardo Skilman de Hederessete; Gregorio de Holdhawe; Waltero Bucskin; Simone Le Paumer; Nicholao de Ingham; Waltero de Westone; Galfrido de Bungeye; et aliis.

Seal.

269. [1276.]—Grant by John Fraunc, citizen of Norwich, and Agnes, his wife, to Sir Robert, Master, and the Brethren of St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich, of a messuage in the parish St. Peter Suthgate, Norwich, to hold to the said Master and Brethren and their successors for ever in frankalmoin, paying the king's landgable in lieu of all secular services.

Testibus : Ada de Toftes, Rogero de Swerdestona, Willelmo de Gelverton, Johanne Bate, tunc ballivis Norwici; Symone Le Paumer; Henrico de Heylesdona; Rogero de Penteneye; Willelmo de Welles; Willelmo Lippard; Nicholao Champaine; Willelmo King; Waltero Badding; et aliis.

Two seals.

270. [Same year.]—Grant by Martin, Ordinary of Norwich, clerk, to Sir Robert, Master, and the Brethren of St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich, of two stalls in the Bread Market, Norwich, and 27d. of yearly rent receivable in respect of certain stalls in the said market, to hold to them and their successors in frankalmoin.

Testibus : Ada de Toftes, Rogero de Swerdestone, Johanne Bate, Willelmo de Gelverton, tunc ballivis Norwici; Henrico de Heylesdone; Rogero de Penteneye; Roberto Westone; Waltero Sparwe; Willelmo de Caustone; Michael de Hely; Johanne Molle; Willelmo Molle.

Seal, broken.

271. [Early Ed. I.]—Grant by Richard Bastun, servant of the Bishop of Norwich at Thorp, to Reyner de Langele, chaplain, for his homage and service and 3 marks given in gersum, of a messuage in Holmstrete, Norwich, to hold to the said Reyner, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of 4s. to the Abbot of Sauterie and a clove of gillyflower to the donor and his heirs. (Warranty clause.)

Testibus : Johanne Payn; Alano de Hindringham, clerico; Waltero Knot; Rogero King; Nicholao attehil; Roberto Le Mey; Johanne Fabro; Johanne, filio suo; Hodone Leswon; Alexandro de Verdun; et aliis.

Duke of Norfolk. 272. [1277.]—Quitclaim by John, son of William Colyn, of Norwich, to Sir Robert, Master, and the Brethren of St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich, and their successors, for 2s. given in hand, of all right in 10s. of yearly rent bequeathed by John Bonde, of Norwich, to the said Hospital.

Testibus : Rogero de Tudenham, Rogero de Swerdestone, Willelmo de Refham, Rogero de Morle, tunc balliuis Norwici ; Symone Le Paumer ; Willelmo Pykot ; Huberto de Morle ; Willelmo de Rollesby ; Rogero de Penteneye ; Johanne de Nedham, clerico ; et aliis.

Seal.

273. [1279.]—Quitclaim by Elena, widow of Reginald Le Paumer, of Norwich, to St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich, of all right in 8s. of yearly rent receivable in respect of a messuage in Norwich.

Hiis testibus : Rogero de Morleye, Willelmo de Refham, Rogero de Tudenham, Waltero Knot, tunc ballivis Norwici ; Paulo de Pagraue ; Johanne de Bate ; Adam de Thoftis ; Rogero de Penteneye ; Rogero de Swathingge ; Roberto de Westone ; Johanne Le Barbur ; Willelmo de Burwode ; et aliis.

Seal.

274. [Late 13th century.]—Quitclaim by the Master and Brethren of St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich, to Nicholas de Ingham, of Norwich, of 18*d.* of yearly rent receivable of the said Nicholas' stone houses in Cooks' St., Norwich. Correlative quitclaim by the said Nicholas to the said Master and Brethren of the said Hospital of all right in the land in the suburb of Norwich without St. Austin's Gates, and 6*d.* of yearly rent receivable by the said Nicholas thereof.

Testibus : Johanne Le Scot ; Johanne de Wintonia ; Willelmo de Intewode ; Roberto de Donewyco ; Galfrido de Geystweyt ; Willelmo Le Rede ; Reginaldo de Egefeud ; Willelmo de Thimelthorp ; Waltero de Coltone ; Rogero Le Ropere ; et aliis.

Seal, broken.

275. 1301-36.—Among the persons named in later deeds are Thomas de Hemesby, Master of St. Giles' Hospital, and Peter de Bumpsted, 1301 ; John de Arcy Le Cosin and Robert, son of Robert de Bekyngham, 1334 ; Richard de Ayremynne, chancellor of Sarum, Thomas Sampson, canon of York, Robert de Ufflet, archdeacon of Norfolk, executors of the will of William [de Ayremynne], late Bishop of Norwich ; and William de Billyngford, John de Elmham and Robert de Cleye, 1336.

QUIDENHAM.

276. [Late 13th century.]—Quitclaim by Adam, son of the Reeve, of Quidenham, to Adam Sturmyn and his heirs of all right in 1½ of yearly rent which he was wont to receive of

Sir Thomas de Hastings, rector of Quidenham, in respect of a tenement in the said town. *Duke of Norfolk.*

Hiis testibus: Dominis Ricardo de Boyland, Roberto de Bosco, Willelmo Crungethorp, militibus; Johanne de Norwico; Roberto de Banham; Ricardo de Rohinge; Waltero de Banham; Ricardo Bigot; et aliis.

REPPES IN FLEGG.

277. [Late 13th century].—Quitclaim by William, son of Walter called le Marchal, of Reppes in Flegg, to Sir Thomas, Master, and the Brethren of the Hospital of St. Giles, Norwich, and their successors, of all right in two pieces of land which the said Master and Brethren acquired of the said William's father Walter in Reppes' fields.

Testibus: Nicholao de Reppes; Ricardo, filio suo; Willelmo Aleyn; Alexandro ad ecclesiam; Alexandro de aula; David de Pykeringe; Gregorio, cissore; et aliis.

Seal, broken.

SALTHOUSE (SALHOUSE).

278. 1423, 1499.—Among the persons named are Nicholas Wychingham, Henry Inglose, knight, Thomas Desthaleres, John Fastolf, of Yarmouth, John Bryston, Robert Norwich, William Hacune, clerk, and Robert Kent, 1423; and Nicholas Goldwell, clerk, Francis Calibut, John Brampton, Leonard Spencer, and John Jermy, 1499.

SCRATBY (SCROWTEBI).

279. 1324, July 7.—Among the persons named are Richard and Robert de Scrowtebi and John de Strete de Stratton.

Seal.

SEETHING (SETHING) or SENGES.

280. 1253, Oct. 20.—Letters patent of Walter, Bishop of Norwich, appropriating the church of Senges as soon as void to the use of St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich.

281. 1264, Sept. 22.—Transcript of inspeximus^r by Roger, Prior of Holy Trinity, Norwich, of the foregoing letters patent; also inspeximus by the same of letters of Simon, Bishop of Norwich, ratifying and confirming a papal indulgence authorizing the Master and Brethren of the said Hospital to enter the said church when void, and hold it to their proper uses and cause it to be served by one of their chaplains.

282. [Early Ed. I.].—Grant by Isabel, widow of John, son of Lucas de Oteleye, and her son Robert, to the Master, and the Brethren of St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich, for 55s. given in gersum, of the homage of William, son of John Cotte, of Senges, and his heirs, with 4s. 6d. of yearly rent receivable of the said William and his heirs in respect of a messuage and

Duke of Norfolk. 6 acres of land in Senges, to hold the said homage and rent with wards, reliefs and escheats, to the said Master and Brethren and their successors at the yearly rent of a clove of gillyflower. (Warranty clause.)

Testibus : Thoma Le Cornur ; Johanne Gonte ; Johanne de Bockinge de Oteleye ; Roberto de Dicleburg ; Jordano de Senges ; Johanne Le Spenser ; Johanne de Atleburg ; Ricardo de Horsleye ; Thoma Aleyn ; Willelmo dicto marscallo de Senges ; et aliis.

Two seals.

283. 1288-1434.—Among the persons named are Robert Henry de Hedenham, Geoffrey de Mundham, chaplain, and Reginald de Warham, 1287-8 ; Roger Mohant, 1327-8 ; William, Bishop of Norwich, Roger de Dicleburgh, Richard Osbern, Walter, his brother, John Le Noble, Thomas Le Noble, and Ralph Le Noble, 1329-30 ; the Prior of Wymundham, Roger de Dycleburgh, Richard Osbern, and John Noble, 1341 ; Thomas de Walsham, Master Robert de Sutton, John Pocok, Thomas Colman and John Stacy, 1391 ; John Cok and Roger Prat, Master of St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich, 1434.

SHIMPLING.

284. 1287, March 28.—Grant by William, son of Roger de Schimpligge, to Richard de Boylund, rector of St. Martin's church, Scottisham, for his service and 60*l.* given in gersum, of all the tenements in Schimpligge, Gyssinge, Burstone, Dycleburk, Pulham, Tivetesale and Helgetone that should be his by inheritance upon the death of Sir Richard de Boylund, knight, with the advowson of Schimpligge church, to hold to the said Richard, the rector, during his life, doing the wonted services : reversion upon his death to the said William and his heirs. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Domino Radulfo de Carbunel, milite ; Domino Johanne de Riueshal, milite ; Milone Le Parker ; Johanne de Semere ; Rogero de Semere ; Willelmo de Walcote ; Ricardo de Campo ; Thoma de Uphalle de Tivetesale ; et multis aliis. Dat' apud Scottisham die Veneris proxima post festum Annunciationis Beate Marie anno regni Regis Edwardi quinto decimo.

Seal.

285. 1296, Oct. 17.—Quitclaim by Master Richard de Boylund, rector of Schymplingge church, to William, son of Roger de Schymplingge, of all the manor of Schymplingge by Dicleburgh, with all appurtenances save the advowson, to hold to the said William and his heirs for ever.

Hiis testibus : Rogero de Schymplingge ; Henrico Baldewyne ; Willelmo de Rothecker ; Johanne de Semere ; et aliis. Dat' apud Moringthorph die Mercurii proxima ante festum Sancti Luce Ewangeliste anno regni Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Henrici, vicesimo quarto.

There are also a few fifteenth century deeds relating to this manor. *Duke of Norfolk.*

SHROPHAM (SCHROPHAM).

286. [Mid-13th century.]—Grant by Ranulf, son of William, parson of Hakeford, to Henry, son of Robert Bretun, of Scroppham, for his homage and service, and 19s. given in gersum, of 3 pieces of arable land in Scroppham field, to hold to the said Henry, his heirs or assigns, except religious houses, at the yearly rent of 2½*d.* in lieu of all services, &c., but the king's scutage. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Domino Andrea de Hengham, milite ; Ricardo Le Kauz ; Andrea de la Grene ; Johanne Talebot ; Willelmo Frankelein ; Galfrido Bataile ; Willelmo de Snitertuna ; Ricardo, filio suo.

287. [Same period.]—Agreement by Sir Andrew de Hengham, of the one part, and Richard de Cauz, William Leverich and Walter de Cauz, of the other part, to submit to the arbitration of Richard de Snitertune, Nicholas de Aqua, Roger de Cauz and William de Snitertune and two others the question whether the fishing in Scropham water is common or several. The award to be made before Epiphany, 35 Hen. III.

Hiis testibus : Domino Radulfo Viri ; Ricardo Page ; Roberto de Norfolkia ; Willelmo de Cringethorp ; Alano Rule ; Ricardo Girding ; Roberto Girding ; Roberto Thurstan ; Andrea de Cauz ; et aliis.

288. 1288, Nov. 13.—Grant by Andrew Fraunkleyn to Henry Bretun, for his homage and service and 7s. given in gersum, of a piece of arable land in Schropham field, to hold to the said Henry, his heirs or assigns, except religious houses, at the yearly rent of ½*d.* (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Domino Andrea de Hengham, milite ; Rogero Le Cauz, de Scropham ; Waltero, filio Andree ; Alueredo, filio Henrici ; Waltero Batalie ; Petro Wlmere ; Willelmo de Illyngtone ; et aliis. Dat' apud Scropham die Sabbati proxima post festum Sancti Martini anno regni Regis Edwardi xvj^{mo}.

289. 1288-9, March 13.—Grant by Andrew Franckeleyne to William Waepol, of Old Bukenham, for his homage and service, and 13s. 6*d.* given in gersum, of ½ acre of arable land in Scropham field, to hold to the said William, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of 1*d.* (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Rogero Cauz, de Scropham ; Waltero, filio Andree, de eadem ; Henrico Breton ; Elueredo, filio Henrici ; Petro Wlmere ; et aliis. Dat' apud Scropham die dominica proxima post [festum] Sancti Gregorii Pape anno regni Regis Edwardi septimo decimo.

Seal.

290. 1294, July 19.—Quitclaim by Sir Andrew de Hengham of the manor of Bradeker to Sir Ralph de Coggeshal, with all

Duke of Norfolk. appurtenances save the advowson of the church of Shropham, to hold to the said Ralph, his heirs and assigns, of the chief lords of the fee, by the due and wonted services, and of the grantor by the yearly quitrent of 24 marks. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Domino Thoma de Helegeton', milite; Johanne de Bynecre; Adam de Methelonde; Domino Johanne de Flokethorp'; Rogero Cosyn; Thoma Mercatore; Henrico Le Bretun de Shropham; Thoma de Ulyngges; Hugone de Lopham; et multis aliis. Dat' apud Norwyc' die Lune proxima ante festum Sancte Margarete Virginis anno regni Regis Edwardi vicesimo secundo.

Seal.

291. 1294, Dec. 7.—Quitclaim by Andrew de Hengham to Sir Ralph de Coggeshale, of all right in the advowson of Shropham church.

Hiis testibus: Adam de Methelonde; Rogero Cosyn; Philippo de Nortone; Rogero de Risynges; Rogero de Flokethorp; Johanne de Flokethorp; Thoma, mercatore, de Schropham; Henrico Bretun, de eadem; Ranulpho de Hakeford; Thoma de Ultinges; et aliis. Dat' apud Schropham die Martis in crastino Sancti Nicholai anno regni Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Henrici, vicesimo secundo [*sic, by error for terciio*].

Seal, broken.

292. 1294-5, March 16.—Release by the same to the same of 10 marks of quitrent payable in respect of Bradeker manor. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Dominis Hugone de Bukenham, et Willelmo de Crungylthorp, militibus; Magistro Thoma de Bakunesthorp; Adam de Methelonde; Rogero Cusyn; Willelmo de Blunville; Henrico de Apehawe; Willelmo de Tudenham; Henrico Gilbert de Hokeringes; Rogero de Floketthorp; Ranulpho de Hakeford; Rogero de Rysynges; Johanne Edewyne; Thoma de Ultinges; Hugone de Lopham; clerico, et aliis. Dat' apud Bradeker die Mercurii proxima post festum Sancti Gregorii Pape anno regni Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Henrici, vicesimo terciio.

Seal, broken.

293. 1295, Sept. 25.—Quitclaim by Andrew de Hengham to Sir Ralph de Coggeshale, his heirs and assigns, of all right in the manor of Bradeker and its appurtenances in Schropham, Snyterton and Hocham or elsewhere, as likewise in the advowson of Schropham church.

Hiis testibus: Domino Roberto de Bakunesthorpe, milite; Domino Galfrido, filio Walteri, de Hengham; Ada de Methelonde; Johanne Edwine, de Hengham; Johanne Hervi, Willelmo Hervi, de eadem; Ranulpho de Hakeford; Thoma de Harham; Henrico Le Bretoun, de Scropham; Thoma, mercatore, de eadem; et aliis. Dat' apud Hengham

die dominica proxima ante festum Sancti Michaelis anno regni Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Henrici, vicesimo tercio. *Duke of Norfolk.*
Seal.

294. 1342-1398.—Among the persons named are Reginald Mounci and Sir John de Coggeshale, 1342; Sir Thomas Shardlowe and Sir Henry de Coggeshale, his brother Thomas, and Hugh Benye, 1373-4; Thomas Stulke, chaplain, John Methewold, John Cok, parson, and Thomas Horstede, chaplain, 1389 and 1398.

SISLAND (SISELOND).

295. [Mid-13th century].—Grant by Margaret Baldeuine to Cecilia de Oldecroft, for the said Cecilia's homage and service and 3s. given in gersum, of all her share of the inheritance of her father Hugh and her mother Eluine in lands, houses, &c., to hold to the said Cecilia and her assigns, rendering yearly to the church of Blessed Mary of Siselaund and the heirs of Bartholomew de Stubbes the service due by the tenement, in lieu of all services, &c.

Hiis testibus: Domino Johanne de Lodne; Domino Ranulfo de Ho . . .; Waltero de Seyng'; Willelmo, filio Karoli; Stephano de Mundham; Rogero de Diclebure; Reginaldo de Yngelos; Elia Moriz; Reginaldo Spicling; Galfrido Wonere; Simone Cappe; et aliis.

296. [Same period].—Quitclaim by Isabel, widow of Henry Helwan, of Senges, to Richard Spicling (*sic*), of Sislonde, of all her right in a pickle [little close] in Sislonde, to hold to the said Richard and his heirs. Given in gersum, $\frac{1}{2}$ mark.

Hiis testibus: Domino Willelmo, filio Domini Karoli; Rogero de Diclebure; Jordano de Senges; Galfrido Le Wonere; Nicholao Hybeling; Herveo Morz; Philippo Spicling; Ranulfo Gales; Willelmo de Hingelose; et multis aliis.

297. 1291, Aug. 29.—Grant by Robert de Gales to John, son of Richard Spicling, and Christiana, his sister, for 40s. given in hand, of a messuage in Siselond, to hold to the said John and Christiana, their heirs and assigns, of the chief lords of the fee, by the due and wonted services. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Johanne de Ingelose; Ranulfo de Howe; Philippo Spicling; Willelmo Gales; Reginaldo de Ingelose; et aliis. Dat' apud Siselond die Decollationis Sancti Johannis Baptiste anno regni Regis Edwardi xix^{mo}.

Seal.

298. 1328, May 6.—Among the persons named are Letice, widow of Robert de Lodne, knight, and John de Gales, rector of Syselond church.

SMETHDEN (SMETHDUNE) HUNDRED.

299. 1269-70, Feb. 2.—Grant by John de Beynham, perpetual vicar of Snetisham, and his brother Roger to John, son of

Duke of Norfolk. Sir Thomas de Ingaldestorpe, of all the lands, &c., which they had or might have in Smethdune Hundred on St. Laurence's day in the 54th year of the reign of King Henry, son of King John, except a messuage held of the said John in Snetisham, to hold to the said John de Ingaldestorpe, his heirs or assigns, of the chief lords of the fee, by the due and wonted services.

Hiis testibus : Domino Rogero de Toftis ; Willelmo Busteyn ; Andrea de Scarnebr' ; Hamone de Dentune ; Galfrido de Say ; Willelmo de Plumstede ; Willelmo de Nortune ; Johanne Le Ro ; Willelmo Le Marchaunt ; Galfrido Tolte ; Johanne de Quappellad, clerico ; et aliis.

Two seals.

SNETTERTON (SNYTERTONE).

300. [Mid-13th century.]—Grant of a villein, to wit, Henry, son of Richard Scherleshympe, of Herling, by Hugh de Beaufoe, knight, son of Sir Nicholas de Beaufoe, to All Saints' church, Snyterton, and Master Thomas de Ingaldestorp, rector thereof, to hold the said villein with all his chattels to the said Master Thomas and all his successors in the said church in frankalmoin at the yearly rent of a pair of gloves, value 1*d.* Also reciprocal release of rents. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Dominis Michael de Furnels, Willelmo de Hakeford, Petro de Bukenham, Johanne de Gatestorp, Symone de Furnels, militibus ; Radulfo de Bukenham ; Symone de Kenninghale ; Rogero de La Meynegaryn ; Roberto de Torp ; et aliis.

Seal.

301. 1364, July 14.—Among the persons named are Edmund de Goneville and William Hobbys.

SNETTISHAM.

302. 1291, Nov. 15.—Grant by Sir William de Mortimer and Alice, his wife, to Sir Thomas de Ingaldestorpe, of 4 acres, $\frac{1}{2}$ rood, of land in Snetisham field, to hold to the said Thomas, his heirs or assigns, of the chief lords of the fee, by the due and wonted services. Quitclaim by the said Sir Thomas to the said Sir William and Alice, of all right in 3 acres, $\frac{1}{2}$ rood, of land in Snetisham field, to hold to the said Sir William and Alice and the heirs of the said Alice upon certain conditions.

Hiis testibus : Dominis Rogero de Toftes, Johanne de Gelham, Thoma de Hakeford, Thoma de Snyterton, militibus ; Egidio de Munpynzun ; Domino Willelmo, rectore ecclesie de Anemere ; Willelmo de Secheford ; Willelmo Howard ; Johanne Aubyn ; Johanne Charles, de Frenge ; Petro, filio Roberti, de Sneterton ; Ricardo Gocelyn ; Willelmo Verly ; Eadmundo de Northone ; Stephano Hicche ; et Willelmo Walram ; Ricardo, filio Ricardi ; et aliis. Dat' apud Snetesham die Jouis proxima ante festum Sancti Edmundi Regis et Martyris anno regni Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Henrici, decimo nono finiente.

Two seals.

SOMERTON.

*Duke of
Norfolk.*

303. [Mid-13th century.]—Confirmation by Walter de Leons to John de Fleg, for his homage and service, of a grant made to the said John's father John, son of Henry de Fleg, of $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of land in Sumertune, to hold to the said John and his heirs at the yearly rent of 2*d.* (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Domino Reincero de Burgo ; Bartholomeo de Sumertune ; Willelmo de Fleg ; Rogero de . . . ; Johanne, filio Osberti, de Sumertune ; Jacobo de Sumertune ; Nicholao de Wintertune ; Thoma de . . . vile ; Johanne, filio Algorii ; Henrico, filio Nicholai, de Wintertune ; et multis aliis.

SOMERTON, EAST.

304. [Same period.]—Bond by Warin, son of Peter de Waxtunesham and his wife, Margaret, daughter of Brian de Sumertone, for indemnification of William, son of Marcellus, and his wife, Margaret, and Nicholas and Humphrey Cocay, against all expense and loss which they may incur as warrantors of the covenantors' title to an acre of land in Est Sumertone.

Hiis testibus : Bartholomeo de Sumertune ; Petro, fratre suo ; Jacobo, filio Ricardi ; Briano, Galfrido, Nicholao, Radulfo, fratribus eius ; Galfrido parvo ; Willelmo, Andrea, Johanne, filiis eius ; Johanne de Roluesb', clerico ; et aliis.

SPROWSTON.

305. [Early Hen. III.]—Grant by Ralph, son of Robert, clerk, of Sprowestune, to Andrew, son of John, of Norwich, of 2 acres of land in Sprowestune, to hold to the said Andrew, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of 2*d.* Given in gersum, 11*s.* (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Johanne Herman ; Willelmo Arunde ; Willelmo de Heye ; Johanne, filio Ade ; Ricardo Le Franceys ; Rogero Le Louerd ; Willelmo Le Gode ; Willelmo Kniht ; Ada, filio eius ; Willelmo, filio Alexandri ; Radulfo Le Louerd ; Radulfo, filio eius ; et multis aliis.

306. [Same period.]—Grant by John Bone to Robert Hunting of 2 pieces of land at Stordes in the field between Holdetun and Bestun, to hold to the said Robert, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* Given in gersum, 12*s.* (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Rogero Le Louerd ; Johanne, filio Ade ; Ricardo Le Franceis ; Willelmo de Heye ; Willelmo Le Gode ; Willelmo, filio Alexandri ; Radulfo Le Gimur ; Willelmo Kniht ; Ada, filio eius ; Rogero Pirun ; Radulfo Le Louerd ; Radulfo, filio eius ; Johanne Le Bidun ; et multis aliis.

307. [Mid-13th century.]—Grant by John Le Bidun to Sir Hamo and the Brethren of St Giles' Hospital, Norwich, for 30*s.* given in gersum, of a piece of arable land in Sproustune, to hold to them and their successors at the yearly rent of 1*d.* for ever. (Warranty clause.)

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Norfolk.*

Testibus : Reginaldo Herman ; Nicholao, fratre suo ; Johanne de Heythe ; Jordano de Beestune ; Willelmo Le Paumer, de Chattune ; Radulfo, filio Rogeri, de eadem ; Johanne de Huluerwde ; Johanne Pyrun ; Willelmo Martin ; Roberto atte bure ; Adam Knight ; Alexandro, filio fabri ; Willelmo, filio Petri, clerici ; et aliis.

Seal.

308. [Mid-13th century.]—Quitclaim by Thomas, son of William, clerk, of Hemenhale, to Hamo, Master, and the Brethren of St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich, of all right in the tenement of his late father, Master Robert, of Hemenhale, in Sprouston, Thorpe, Bestone and Racheye, to hold to the said Master and Brethren and their successors in frankalmoin of the chief lords of the fee, by the due and wonted services for ever.

Testibus : Galfrido de Lodnes ; Waltero de Brisingham ; Waltero de Hemenhale ; Johanne, filio Johannis de Hemenhale ; Reginaldo de Refham ; Willelmo de parco de Hevingham ; Bartholomeo Cordel ; Johanne Herman ; Willelmo del Heythe ; Willelmo Engelsond ; Ricardo Le Franceys ; Johanne, filio clerici de Thorpe.

309. [Late Hen. III.]—Grant by Adam, styled knight, of Sproustone, to Sir Robert, Master, and the Brethren of St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich, for a mark given in gersum, of a piece of arable land in Sproustone, to hold to the said Master and Brethren, their successors or assigns, at the yearly rent of $\frac{1}{2}d.$ (Warranty clause.)

Testibus : Reginaldo Herman ; Nicholao, fratre suo ; Ricardo Sket ; Roberto atte bure ; Johanne filio fabri ; Johanne Pyrun ; Johanne de Huluerwode ; Willelmo Martin ; Rannulpho de Heylesdone ; Radulpho, filio Rogeri sacerdotis ; et aliis.

Seal, broken.

310. [Same period.]—Quitclaim by Roger de Flegg', Agnes, his wife, and Maud, daughter of Andrew Le Talyur, sister of the said Agnes, to the Master and Brethren of St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich, of all right in a messuage and 16 acres of land in Sprouston. Given in gersum, 40s.

Hiis testibus : Reginaldo Herman, de Sprouston ; Nicholao, fratre suo ; Ricardo Fichet ; Jordano de Bestone ; Willelmo Russel ; Roberto atte bure ; Johanne de Huluerwode ; Willelmo Martin ; Alexandro, filio fabri ; Adam Knyt ; Johanne Pyrun ; et aliis.

Seal.

311. [Late 13th century.]—Grant by John Pyrun to Sir Martin, Master, and the Brethren of St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich, for 10s. given in gersum, of a piece of arable land in Sprustone, to hold to the said Master and Brethren, their successors or assigns, at the yearly rent of $\frac{1}{2}d.$ (Warranty clause.)

Testibus : Reginaldo Herman ; Nicholao, fratre suo ; *Duke of Norfolk.*
 Roberto Attebure ; Jordano de Bestone ; Johanne de
 Huluerwde ; Willelmo Martin ; Alexandro, filio fabri ; Adam
 Knit ; Radulfo [filio] Rogeri, de Cattune ; Benedicto de
 Bestone ; et aliis.

312. 1299, Oct. 6.—Lease by Sir Thomas de Hemesby, Master, and the Brethren of St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich, to John de Brocewelle, of two pieces of arable land in Sproustone field, to hold to the said John and Isabel, his wife, their heirs and assigns, for the term of 10 years from the feast of St. Faith in the 27th year of the reign of King Edward, son of King Henry, at the yearly rent of 4 coombs and 3 bushels of barley. (Warranty and distraint clauses.)

Testibus : Reginaldo de Sproustone ; Hugone, filio suo ; Willelmo de Racheya ; Willelmo Martin ; Benedicto de Bestone ; Johanne Pyrun ; Johanne Le Gode ; et aliis.

313. 1312, March 30.—Quitclaim by Maud and Agnes, daughters of Andrew, son of John, of Norwich, late tailor of Sir Thomas Le Blunvyle, late Bishop of Norwich, widows, of all right in a messuage and 16 acres of arable land in Sproustone.

Hiis testibus : Dominis Alexandro de Claverynge, Willelmo de Ormesby, Bartholomeo de Sumertone, militibus ; Waltero de Fileby ; Johanne de Egemere ; Thoma Harald ; Hugone de Sproustone ; Willelmo Martin, de eadem ; Johanne Potynges ; Adam de Bure ; Roberto Foot. Dat' apud Ormesby die Jovis proxima post festum Annunciacionis Beate Marie Virginis anno regni Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Edwardi, quinto.

Two seals.

314. 1318-9, March 18.—Lease by the Master and Brethren of St. Giles' Hospital, Norwich, to Alexander Gemour of 2½ acres of arable land in Sproustone, to hold to the said Alexander, his heirs and assigns, for the term of 6 years from Michaelmas next, at the yearly rent of 1 quarter, 4 bushels of barley. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Hugone de Sproustone ; Johanne Idanye ; Eustachio atte Hyrne ; Willelmo Rydel ; Ricardo de Ketene ; Roberto Fot ; et aliis. Dat' apud Norwicum die Dominica proxima ante festum Annunciacionis Beate Marie anno regni Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Edwardi, duodecimo.

315. 1322, Nov. 7.—Grant by Thomas de Holt of Fakenham, rector of Sproustone church, and William de Cattone, chaplain, to Hugh de Sprouston and Margery, his wife, of the manor of Sproustone and the advowson of the said church, to hold to the said Hugh and Margery, their heirs and assigns, of the chief lords of the fee, by the due and wonted services for ever. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Johanne de Plumstede ; Willelmo, filio eius ; Willelmo Cat ; Johanne Claver ; Johanne Bardolf ;

Duke of Norfolk. Baldredo de Taverham; Willelmo Ridel; Johanne Idanye; Johanne Doo; Alexandro de Northwro; Simone Burel; Eustachio atte Hirne; Ricardo de Ketene; et aliis. Dat' apud Sproustone die Dominica proxima post festum Omnium Sanctorum anno regni Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Edwardi, sextodecimo.

STANFIELD (STANFELD).

316. 1334, May 24.—Among the persons named are John, son of William Curzoun, Oliver de Mouton, Edward Jerberge, John Caily, sheriffs; Peter Buckeskyn, William de Redham, Thomas Steynware, John Wodegate, John Markaunt, John de Limpenham.

STOCKTON (STOCTUNE).

317. [Early Hen. III.]—Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego, Willelmus, filius Rogeri de Stoctune, concessi, dedi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Rogero de Hales, pro homagio et seruicio suo, homagium et seruicium Thome, filii et heredis Ricardi de Brom, cum toto tenemento quod de me tenuit, scilicet, duodecim denarios redditus per annum; et homagium et seruicium Henrici de Helingham cum toto tenemento quod de me tenuit, scilicet, novem denarios redditus per annum; et homagium et seruicium Ricardi marescalli de Alderforde cum toto tenemento quod de me tenuit, scilicet, sex denarios redditus per annum; et homagium et seruicium Ade Le Bucmonger cum toto tenemento quod de me tenuit, scilicet, sex denarios redditus per annum, et homagium et seruicium Johannis Augustini cum toto tenemento quod de me tenuit, scilicet, duos denarios redditus per annum; et homagium et seruicium Willelmi Frede cum toto tenemento quod de me tenuit, scilicet, unum obulum redditus per annum; et homagium et seruicium Rogeri Le Sage cum toto tenemento quod de me tenuit, scilicet, duos denarios redditus per annum; et homagium et seruicium Johannis Wiking cum toto tenemento quod de me tenuit, scilicet, unum obulum redditus per annum; et homagium et seruicium Willelmi de Pottune cum toto tenemento quod de me tenuit; Illi et heredibus suis, vel cuicunque dare vel asingnare (*sic*) uoluerit, Habendum et tenendum de me et heredibus meis, libere et quiete et hereditarie, soluendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis unum denarium ad festum Sancti Michaelis pro omni seruicio, consuetudine et exactione. (Warranty clause.) Pro [h]ac autem concessione, donacione et carte mee confirmacione relaxauit mihi predictus Rogerus warantizacionem quam ei debui fecisse de quinque acris terre cum pertinenciis in Holemundeshahe quas idem Rogerus tenuit de dono Bartolomei de Saunzaver awi (*sic*) mei, de quibus idem Rogerus vocauit me ad warantum coram Roberto de Lexingtone et sociis suis, tunc Justiciariis Domini

Regis itinerantibus apud Norwicum, et quas Willelmus de *Duke of*
Pottune diracionavit per breve mortis antecessoris coram *Norfolk.*
predictis Justiciariis.

Hiis testibus: Rogero de Brom; Waltero de Cadamo;
Willelmo de Rochae; Rogero de Raveningham; Willelmo,
fratre suo; Roberto de Hulmo; Rogero de Stoctune; Rogero
de Thueit; Willelmo Frede; Rogero Le Sage; Andrea
Wazelin; Ada de Suthewde; Benedicto de Brantehae; et
multis aliis.

Seal, broken.

STOKE (STOCHES).

318. [1239-40].—Grant by William, Bishop of Norwich, to
Ralph, son of Geoffrey, priest, in frankalmoin, of that portion
of the church of Stoches which pertains to the fee of Hugh de
Poledsted, upon whose presentation the grant is made.

Hiis testibus: Johanne, vicecomite; Johanne, monacho;
Turaldo, capellano; Ernaldo Lupello; Magistro Nicholao;
Magistro Waltero; Radulfo, clerico; Radulfo, presbitero de
Cavenedis; Magistro Johanne; Brientio, priore de Briesethe;
Hugone, presbitero de Alintuna; Hugone, presbitero de
Newetuna; Ebrardo, milite de Bocsteda; Fulcone, milite
de Geddinges; Ricardo Castel.

STOKESBY.

319. 1291-1394.—Among the persons named are Robert
Thurstan, William, son of Richard Alein, Giles de Haringby,
1290-1; John, son of James de Thorp, Roger Aleyn, 1320;
Thomas, son of Simon Tiny, Geoffrey de Somerton, Thomas,
rector of North Birlingham, 1394; Sir John Paston, Roger
Towneshend, 1475-6.

STOW BARDOLPH? (STOWE).

320. [Early Hen. III.].—Grant by Henry de Stowe to
Reginald de Burgo, for his fealty and service, of 2 acres of
arable land in Gildenecroft, to hold to the said Reginald, his
heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of 12*d.* (Warranty clause.)
Given in gersum, 60*s.*

Hiis testibus: Simone Comite; Nicholao, filio Clementis;
Roberto de Covintre; Willelmo, filio Seyve; Willelmo de
Reimerestona; Ricardo de Ikeleborc; Simone, filio Johannis;
Henrico de Sudgate; Ricardo de Bedeford; Henrico de
Berford; Edmundo, filio Johannis; Edmundo de Lenna; et
multis aliis.

STRATTON, SUFFOLK.

321. 1257-8, Feb. 3.—Grant by Sir William de Beaumont
to John de Stratton and Joan, his wife, of the lands and
tenements late of Stephen de Stratton in Stratton
Mannewik and Jakesle, to hold to the said John and Joan and
their heirs at the yearly rent of 1*d.*, doing all the services

Duke of Norfolk. pertaining to the said tenements : in default of issue, remainder to the surviving husband or wife, and ultimate reversion to the said William and his heirs. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Hugone de Dunsterre, tunc Senescallo de Eya ; Domino Willelmo de Bovile, Alano de Wytheresdale, Willelmo de Munchenesy, Hugone Gernegan, Willelmo de Hegcham, militibus ; Thoma de Borendis ; Roberto Bolt ; Willelmo Le Flemmeng ; Willelmo de Gosewo ; Henrico de Sellee (?) ; Ricardo Berne ; Huberto Berne ; Gerardo de Pishale ; et aliis.

STRATTON, LONG.

322. 1337, May 5.—Among the persons named are Sir Robert Ingelose, Nicholas Cat, Robert de Stratton, William de Westgate, Thomas Pyket, Roger de Snape, Richard Gery, Robert Gery.

323. 1415, April 13.—Deed containing the following names : William Taverham, Sir John Carbonell, Sir William Phelipp, Richard Pygot, Robert Rous, Thomas Rous, William de Shelton, Thomas Bumpstede, Edmund Goodwyne, John Sweyn, John Gery, Roger Houell, John Dennok.

STRUMPSHAW (STRUMSAGHE).

324. 1308, Aug. 29.—Grant by Godfrey Tudding to Thomas Steyneware, for a sum of money given in hand, of $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of land in Strumsaghe field, to hold to the said Thomas, his heirs or assigns, of the chief lords of the fee. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Roberto de Mouton ; Oliuero, filio suo ; Rogero Godesman ; Michael de Hauerowe ; Johanne de Catton ; Roberto Le Grei ; Stephano Dering ; et aliis. Dat' ad tenementum predictum die Decollationis Sancti Johannis Baptiste anno regni Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Edwardi, secundo.

SUSTEAD (SUZSTEDE).

325. [12th century.]—Sciunt tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Simon, filius Petri, concedo Roberto, filio Ricardi, filii Bondi, de Bashigham totam terram meam que est de feudo meo in Suzstedia, Tenendam de me hereditarie ille et heredes sui de me et heredibus meis per eundem (*sic*) seruicium quod auus suus et pater eius illam tenuit de me et antecessoribus meis.

Hiis testibus : Petro, fil' meus (*sic*) ; Petro de Pel' ; Willelmo Butero ; Radulfo, filio Rogeri ; Rogero, filio Hulfi ; Slabardo ; Geruasio ; Ricardo Le Burgen' ; Ada de Peireres ; Alano de Marebot.

Seal, broken.

SWAFIELD (SCWAZFELD, SUADEFELD, SWADEFEUD).

326. [Early Hen. III.]—Grant by Gilbert de Sancto Dionisio to William, son of Richard Dybald, of Pastune,

for his homage and service and 10 marks given in gersum, of 3 acres, 1 rood, of land in Scwazefeld, to hold to the said William, his heirs and assigns, at the yearly rent of 6*d.* (Warranty clause.) *Duke of Norfolk.*

Hiis testibus: Radulfo de Reppes; Laurencio, filio suo; Thoma de Sancta Fide; Johanne de Kyneburle; Rogero, filio Johannis; Johanne Ymeyn; Rychardo Huolot; Rychardo Purdehum; Clemente, filio Edmundi; Johanne Alundey; et aliis.

327. [Mid-13th century.]—Quitclaim by Helewise Bainard to Clement, son of Eadmund, of Pastune, and his heirs, of $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of land in Suadefeld. Given in gersum, 20*s.*

Hiis testibus: Gilberto de Sancto Dionisio; Nicholao Le Faukener; Johanne, fratre suo; Alexandro Hunte; Nicholao Hunte; Johanne de Kinburle; Eadmundo, fratre suo; Rogero, filio Johannis; Ricardo, filio Hugonis; Ricardo Prudume; Willelmo Baret; Johanne Bil; et aliis.

328. [Same period.]—Grant by Eadmund, son of Robert Wistan, to his son Walter, for his homage and service, of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ rood of turbary in Swadefeud Marsh, to hold to the said Walter and his heirs, at the yearly rent of 2*d.* (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Johanne de Kineburle; Johanne, filio suo; Ricardo, filio Johannis; Rogero, fratre eius; Johanne, filio Roberti; Willelmo Baret; Ricardo Prudum; Ricardo, filio Hugonis; et multis aliis.

SWAINSTHORPE (SWEYNESTHORP).

329. 1313, April 29.—Grant by Peter, son of William Le Moigne, of Gouthorp, to Adam de Blicklinge, citizen of Norwich, and Catherine, his wife, for a sum of money given in hand, of 12 coombs of barley receivable in respect of 8 acres of arable land held by Henry Le Rede in Sweynesthorp, to hold to the said Adam and Catherine and their heirs and assigns for ever. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Radulfo Malherbe; Willelmo de Blunvile; Andrea Le Waleys; Rogero du Celer; Radulfo Herbert; Johanne Le Teynturer, de Sweynesthorp; Willelmo Parlaunt; et aliis. Dat' apud Sweynesthorp die Dominica proxima post festum Sancti Marci Ewangeliste anno regni Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Edwardi, sexto.

SWARDESTON.

330. [Mid-13th century.]—Grant by Geoffrey, son of William de Hahill, to William de Mannegrene, for his homage and service, of the land late of Hervey, son of Osbert, in Mannegrene and Suerdestune except the capital messuage with the croft, to hold to the said William and his heirs at the yearly rent of 12*d.*, in lieu of all services &c. but the king's scutage. (Warranty clause.)

Duke of Norfolk. Hiis testibus : Bartholomeo, filio Willelmi ; Waltero de Carletune ; Willelmo le dene ; Simone de Hedersett ; Ranulfo de Cringelford ; Johanne de Dunstunc ; Willelmo, filio Radulfi ; Willelmo de Curzun ; Thoma Heued ; Willelmo del Wro ; Johanne Picot ; Johanne, scriptore ; et aliis.

331. 1337, Sept. 29.—Grant by Thomas Herwy, son of Nicholas Herwy, to his brother William, chaplain, of a messuage and 13 acres of land in Swerdistone, to hold to the said Thomas, his heirs and assigns, of the chief lords of the fee, by the due and wonted services. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Petro Le Monye ; Roberto de Dunston ; Johanne de Dunston ; Philippo Pycok ; Willelmo Martyn ; Johanne Ymine ; Nicholao, fabro ; et aliis.

Seal.

TACOLNESTON.

332. [Late 13th century].—Grant by Benedict, son of Reginald de Uvedale, to Sir Robert, son of John de Assewellethorp, for his homage and 40s. given in hand, of Syleswood in Tacolnestone, to hold to the said Sir Robert, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of 6*d.* in lieu of all services, &c., but the king's scutage. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Willelmo, filio Hugonis, filii Eustacii ; Wakelino de Bosseville ; Willelmo, filio suo ; Hugone Plumer ; Waltero Percario, de Thorp ; Ricardo Brid, de Bonewelle ; Johanne Coleman ; Rogero Angot ; Bartolomeo Pokoc ; Hugone Pokoc ; Henrico, clerico ; et aliis.

Seal.

333. 1295, Nov. 4.—Grant by Christiana, widow of Roger de Dunestone, of Habetone, to her daughter Agnes, for a sum of money given in gersum, of a piece of arable land in Tacolnestone, to hold to the said Agnes, her heirs and assigns, of the chief lords of the fee, at the yearly rent of 4*d.* in lieu of all services, &c., but the king's scutage. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Willelmo de Tacolnestone ; Hugone de Uvedale ; Thoma Marchys ; Roberto de Nethergate ; Johanne Coleman ; Rogero Sybald ; Ricardo Le Ko ; Bartholomeo Pokoc ; Hugone Pokoc ; Reginaldo de Ecclesia ; Rogero Angot ; Reginaldo Pedefer ; et aliis. Dat' apud Habetone die Veneris proxima post festum Omnium Sanctorum anno regni Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Henrici, vicesimo tercio.

334. 1298, Nov. 6.—Grant by Benedict de Uvedale to Sir John de Thorpe, knight, for 20s. given in gersum, of a piece of wood and a piece of meadow in Tacolnestone, to hold to the said Sir John, his heirs and assigns, of the chief lords of the fee, at the yearly rent of 1*d.* (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Dominis Fulcone Banyard, Ricardo de Belhus, Radulfo Malherbe, milite ; Willelmo de Tacolnestone ; Ricardo, filio Alicie ; Waltero Le Perker ; Thoma Le Marchys ; Reginaldo Pedefer ; Rogero Angott ; et aliis. Dat' apud

Tacolnestone die Jovis proxima post festum Omnium Sanctorum anno regni Regis Edwardi vicesimo sexto. *Duke of Norfolk.*

335. 1304, Oct. 30.—Grant by Richard Le Grey, of Habeton, clerk, to Sir John de Thorpe, knight, of two denariates of yearly rent receivable of Nicholas Angot, of Fundenhale, and his heirs, in respect of a piece of land in Tacolnestone field, to hold to the said Sir John, his heirs and assigns.

Hiis testibus: Willelmo de Dinigham; Ricardo, filio Alicie; Thoma Le Marchis; Roberto Coleman; Johanne Coleman; Ricardo Le Ko; Reginaldo Pedefer; Ricardo, filio Henrici, clerico, de Fundenhale; Waltero Sybald; et aliis. Dat' die Veneris proxima ante festum Omnium Sanctorum anno regni Regis Edwardi tricesimo secundo.

Seal, broken.

TASBURGH.

336. 1385, Nov. 6.—Among the persons named are Thomas de Bumpsted, Bartholomew Appelyerd, Thomas Spynk and William de Eton.

THAXTED (TAXSTUDE), ESSEX.

337. [Mid-13th century.]—Grant by Elias Cook, of Wimbissee, to Richard FitzGossalin, for his homage and service and 40s. given in gersum, of 3 acres of land in Taxstude, to hold to the said Richard, his heirs or assigns, except men of religion, at the yearly rent of 2s. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Domino Willelmo de Waletuna; Ricardo de Beucodr'; Thoma, filio Radulfi; Willelmo de Gerdele; Willelmo de Duttuna; Saward, clerico; Ricardo, filio Michaelis; Thoma Anglico; Johanne, clerico.

THOMPSON (TOMESTON).

338. 1293, Sept. 29.—Charge by John Crowe, of Brecles, upon all his lands and tenements in Tomeston of 1 mark of yearly rent receivable by Peter Bretun, of Schropham.

Dat' apud Thefford in festo Sancti Michaelis anno regni Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Henrici, vicesimo primo.

Hiis testibus: Thoma de Brethenham; Thoma de Aliby; Johanne Beneyt, de Thefford; Stephano de Warham; Ricardo, filio Radulfi, mercatore de Illyngtona; Thoma Hardyng, de Thefford; et aliis.

THORPE BY NORWICH.

339. [Early Hen. III.]—Grant by Hervey, son of Godard de Torp, to Walter, son of Roger de Torp, of 1½ acres of land in Torp fields, to hold to the said Walter, and his assigns, at the yearly rent of 2d. in lieu of all services, &c., but the king's scutage. For which grant the said Walter has given 20s. in gersum and done homage. (Warranty clause.)

Duke of Norfolk. Hiis testibus : Reginaldo, filio Johannis de Torp ; Willelmo, fratre suo ; Willelmo, filio Reginaldi de Torp ; Nicolao, filio suo ; Willelmo, filio Walteri ; Waltero, filio suo ; Herveo, filio Hugonis de Geytuna ; Hugone de Nugun, cum Edwardo le Syre, Odone le Syre, Toma, filio Jordani.

THRIGBY (TRIKEBY).

340. [c. 1320.]—Grant by Marjory Le Cat, widow of Henry Le Cat, of Hevingham, to Matthew and Roger Aleyn of Stokesby, of all her land in Trikeby, to hold to them, their heirs or assigns, of the chief lords of the fee, by the due and wonted services. (Warranty clause.)

THURLSTON (TURLESTON), SUFFOLK.

341. [Mid-13th century.]—Grant by Baldewin de Pesenhalle, son of William de Pesenhalle, to Roger Liv, of Gipeswic, of a parcel of land in Turlleston, to hold to the said Roger and his heirs at the yearly rent of 2*d*. Given in gersum, 1 mark. (Warranty clause.)

Testibus : Domino Galfrido de Badelea ; Ada de Hulmo ; Ada de Blanchevilla ; Rogero de Stapelford ; Johanne, filio Norman ; Johanne Rodland ; Petro, filio Ewerad ; Willelmo de Bealmis ; Johanne, filio Coston ; Johanne de Bealmis ; Johanne Parkeht' ; Rogero, filio suo ; Johanne Hane ; et multis aliis.

TITTLESHALL.

342. 1300–1, Feb. 20.—Grant by William de Sutton, knight, to John, son of Robert Petit, of Tittleshale, of a piece of land in Tittleshale, to hold to the said John and his heirs ; in exchange for which the said John Petit grants the said Sir William Sutton a piece of land in Tittleshale, to hold to the said Sir William Sutton, his heirs and assigns. (Warranty clauses.)

Hiis testibus : Johanne, filio Gilberti ; Willelmo de Patesle ; Ricardo de Suttone ; Thoma de Suttone ; Simone de Greynestone ; Johanne Edrich ; Gilberto Coco ; et aliis. Dat' apud Tytleshale die Lune proxima post diem Cinerum anno regni Regis Edwardi vicesimo nono.

Seal, broken.

TIVETSHALL (TYVETESHALE).

343. 1319–20, Jan. 30.—Among the persons named are Sir John de Thorp and Walter de Welbrune.

TOPCROFT.

344. 1313–1427.—Among the persons named are Thomas, son of Alan Le Chapman, and William, son of William de Strattone, 1313 ; Richard, son of John Atterof, and

William Peyun, 1329; Mariota de Horshawe and William Peyon, 1333; Sir John Clifton, Sir John Howard, Thomas Denham, Peter Leverych and Sir Simon Felbrigge. *Duke of Norfolk.*

TOTTINGTON (TOTINGTON).

345. [Late Hen. III.]—Grant by Cecilia, daughter of Symon Le Brun, of Totington, to Margery, widow of Richard Bulur, for her homage and service and 2 marks given in gersum, of a piece of arable land, to hold to her and her heirs or assigns except religious houses, at the yearly rent of 1*d.* in lieu of all services, &c., but the king's scutage. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Stephano de Ware; Ricardo Le Bray, de Toftes; Johanne, filio Benedicti, de Breclis; Petro de Risinge; Willelmo Le Brun, de Totington; Gilberto et Willelmo, filiis Stephani; Hugone, mercatore; Johanne le taliur, de eadem; et aliis.

TROWSE (TREUSE).

346. [Early 13th century.]—Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Radulfus Marescallus, de Norwico, quietum clamaui Domino Ricardo de La Rokele et heredibus suis totum jus meum, et quicquid juris habui vel habere potui, in terra de Treuse que est de feodo Ricardi predicti, quam de eo solebam quondam tenere in dicta uilla, illam videlicet quam quondam in escambium accepi de Henrico Gernun pro terra mea hereditaria de Blofeld. Et pro hac concessione et quietam clamacione dedit mihi dictus Ricardus viginti sol. argenti, et ne ego de cetero uel aliquis heredum meorum uel successorum meorum aliquod clamium possessionis uel juris in dicta terra cum pertinentiis habere uel clamare umquam poterimus uersus ipsum Ricardum uel aliquem alium cui ipse uel heredes sui dictam terram dimiserint uel contulerint hanc cartam sigilli mei impressione confirmatam in testimonium quiete tocus clamacionis dicto Ricardo contuli.

Hiis testibus: Willelmo de Hengham; Johanne de Curzun; Willelmo Rusteng; Johanne Godchep; Roberto de Neutuna; Roberto, filio eius; Reinero Le Parmenter; Nicholao Chese; Willelmo de Reimerstuna; Thoma de Kyrkebi; et multis aliis.

347. [Mid-13th century.]—Grant by Thomas, son of Herman Hacun, of Trous, to Richard Le Breustur, of Norwich, of $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of land in Trous, to hold to the said Richard and his heirs or assigns.

Hiis testibus: Willelmo Lodene; Roberto de Neutona; Vincentio de Kirkeby; Vincentio de Neutona; Clemente de Poringelond; Gilberto de Lenna; Radulfo Lefsy; Henrico Valet; Radulfo Guntard; Henrico Sefrey; Ricardo de Kerbroc.

Seal.

Duke of Norfolk. 348. [Mid-13 century.]—Grant by William de La Rokele, knight, to Alice, daughter of Gilbert de Len, for her homage and service and 10s. given in gersum, of 2 acres of land in Treuse field, to hold to the said Alice, her heirs or assigns, except men of religion or Jews, at the yearly rent of a few pence.

Hiis testibus: Johanne de Gatesdene; Johanne de Ielvertona; Thoma de Bosco; Clemente de Poringlond; Alexandro Brys; Laurencio de Castre; Galfrido de Scuttona; Nicholao de Wichlingham; Johanne Man; et aliis.

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TRUNCH.

349. 1348, Nov. 2.—Among the persons named are Clement de Paston and William, his son.

TUNSTALL (TUNSTALE).

350. [Mid-13th century.]—Grant by Nicholas, son of Eudo, of Tunstale, to his firstborn son Alan of herbage in Northolm and Sutholm in Tunstale, to hold to the said Alan, his heirs and assigns, at the yearly rent of 1*d.* to the grantor and 12*d.* and 6*d.* in alternate years to Holy Trinity Church, Norwich. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Georgio de Birlingham; Wydone Le Verdun; Nicholao Chailham; Johanne de Tunstale; Johanne, filio eius; Willelmo de Refham; Roberto de Redham; Bernardo Le Sage; Humfrido, filio Ricardi; Nicholao Ridel; Willelmo Russel; Alano Betriz; Galfrido Bunge; Ricardo Le Meche; et aliis.

351. 1327, Oct. 5.—Among the persons named are Bartholomew de Ocle and John de Tunstale.

TUTTINGTON.

352. [Late Ed. II.]—Grant by Ralph, parson of Thyrne, to John de Tune, de Burgh', and Maud, his wife, for a sum of money given in hand, of a piece of land, to wit, 1½ acre in Tutingtun field, to hold to the said John and Maud and the said John's heirs of the chief lords of the fee, by the due and wonted services. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Johanne Hauteyn; Simone Kenyngs; Johanne, filio suo; Johanne Brun; Philippo [, filio], Georgii, de Swantona; Johanne Le Barkere, de Burgh; et aliis.

WALCOTT.

353. 1435, July 8.—Grant by Robert Lord Wylughby and Simon Felbrygg to Thomas, son of Thomas Wylughby, and Margaret, his wife, of the manor of Walcote Westhall, in Norfolk, for their joint lives. (Warranty clause.) Dat' octavo die Julii anno regni Regis Henrici Sexti post conquestum terciodecimo.

Seals, broken.

WALPOLE.

*Duke of
Norfolk.*

354. 1394, May 23.—Grant by Sir William Marche to Walter Godard, of Teryngton, of 32 acres of arable and meadow in Walpole, to hold to him, his heirs and assigns, of the chief lords of the fee, by the due and wonted services for ever. (Warranty clause.) Dat' apud Walpole vicesimo tercio die Maii anno regni Regis Ricardi Secundi post conquestum decimo septimo.

Seal.

WALSHAM.

355. [12th–13th century.]—Hec est convencio facta inter Nicholaum, capellanum de Wittune, et Nicholaum, filium Rogeri, de Walesham, quod Nicholaus de Walesham iturus est per se et per nuncium mittere ad fratrem suum Johannem tractaturus de pace formanda de portione hereditatis sue, si fieri potest ad opus Roberti filii Walteri de Wittune et ad opus Aveline sororis sue, sicut poterit inter eos convenire. Cum autem perfectum fuerit negocium istud, predictus Nicholaus capellanus tenetur persolvere finem pacti usque ad numerum quadraginta marcarum; quicquid autem predictus Johannes voluerit de predicto numero relaxare ad promotionem predictorum Roberti et Aveline reservetur. Si forte contingat quod inter fratres Johannem et Nicholaum de predicta terra non poterit convenire, predictus Nicholaus capellanus predictas quadraginta marcas sine aliqua amminucione ad promotionem predictorum Roberti et Aveline per consilium utriusque Nicholai et Nicholai perficiet. Et predictus Nicholaus de Walesham omnem suberam* hereditatis sue predictis Roberto et Aveline warantizabit contra omnes homines. Hanc conventionem firmiter tenendam et observandam sine aliqua dilatione affidavit uterque Nicholaus et Nicholaus tenendam.

Hiis testibus et plegiis: Domino Nicholao pincerna et Domina Emma, uxore sua; Willelmo, capellano de Hemesbi; Willelmo, capellano de Bertunia.

356. [Same period.]—Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Johannes, filius Rogeri, de Walsham dedi et concessi et hac presenti mea carta confirmavi Nicolao, fratri meo, totam terram quam pater noster Rogerus et avunculus Goscelinus tenuerunt in villa de Walsham et in villa de Felmingham, Habendam et tenendam de domino Willelmo, comite Warenne, et de heredibus suis, illi et heredibus suis vel cuicumque assignare voluerit, libere et quiete et in pace cum homagiis et cum omnibus aliis pertinenciis suis infra villas et extra, ita quod nullus heredum eorum in predicta terra aliquo tempore aliquid clamare poterit, faciendo servicium domino Willelmo, comiti de Warenne, et heredibus suis, quantum ad illam terram pertinet. Et pro hac donatione et karte mee confirmatione dedit mihi predictus Nicholaus quadraginta marcas argenti, et ut predicta firmitatem obtineant presenti scripto et sigilli mei apositione coroboravi.

* Cf. Du Cange, *Suberia*.

Duke of Norfolk. Hiis testibus : Domino Samuel, decano ; Radulfo de Curcun ; Phelipo, servienti Comiti ; Nicolao, pincerna ; Waltero de Berningham ; Alano Benjamin ; Roberto de Craceford ; Radulfo de Reples ; Warino, filio Willelmi ; Clemente de Gimingham ; Nicolao, filio eius ; Alano, filio Alani ; Alano, filio Tome ; Ricardo de Reples ; Vincentio, fratre eius ; Rogero de Vicomer ; Rogero de Reples ; Hodone de Lig ; Willelmo de Bradefeld ; Ada de Ho ; Ricardo de Phelebrig ; Ricardo de Honyingham ; et multis aliis.

357. [12th-13th century.]—Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Nicholaus, filius Rogeri, de Walsham dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Roberto, filio Walteri, de Wittune, cum Avelina, sorore mea, in libero maritagio totam rationabilem partem meam totius terre illius quam pater meus et avunculi mei tenuerunt in villa de Walsham et in villa de Felmighame cum humagiis et omnibus aliis ad predictam terram pertinentibus, Tenendam libere et quiete et integre sine aliquo retenemento illis et heredibus ex eis provenientibus, Reddendo inde annuatim servicium domino comiti de Warenne quod predicta terra illa debet. Et si forte contingat quod predicta Avelina discedat sine herede de se, predicta terra remanebit predicto Nicolao et heredibus suis.

Hiis testibus : Domino Nicholao, pincerna ; Ricardo, filio ejus ; Ricardo de Belhus ; Willelmo de Gigmigham ; Nicholao, capellano de Wittune ; Willelmo, capellano de Heimesbi ; Willelmo, capellano de Bertune ; Rogero de Walesham ; Willelmo, constabulario ; Bartholomeo de Aclee ; Ada, capellano de Walesham ; Hodone de Lig ; Roberto, filio ejus ; Roberto, filio Ade ; Henrico, constabulario ; et multis aliis.

358. [Same period.]—Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Nicolaus, filius Rogeri, de Walsham dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Roberto, filio Walteri, de Witton', cum Avellina, sorore mea, in maritagio totam terram meam in villa de Walsham et in villa de Felmingham quam Rogerus, pater meus, et Goscelinus, avunculus meus, tenuerunt, et quam Johannes, frater meus, michi dedit et carta sua confirmavit, illi et heredibus suis cum homagiis et cum omnibus aliis pertinentiis infra villas et extra villas, Tenendam et habendam libere et quiete sine aliquo retenemento, faciendo servicium Domino Willelmo, Comiti Warenne et heredibus suis quantum pertinet ad predictam terram. Et si ita contigerit, quod predicta Avellina sine herede de se decesserit, predictus Robertus totam predictam terram hereditarie tenebit. Et ut hec concessio et confirmacio stabilis sit et rata, eam sigilli mei appositione corroboravi.

Hiis testibus : Nicolao, capellano de Witton' ; Magistro Everardo ; Willelmo, capellano de Hemesbi ; Nicolao, pincerna ; Waltero de Berningham ; Johanne de Walsham ;

Radulfo de Reppes; Rogero, fratre ejus; Clemente de Gimingham; Odone de Lig; Galfrido, filio Ailwardi; Bartholomeo de Acle; Wincencio de Reppes; Willelmo Brun; Rogero de Bernigham; Waltero Pighun; et multis aliis. *Duke of Norfolk.*

WALSHAM, NORTH.

359. [12th-13th century.]—Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Johannes, filius Galfridi, clerici, de Felmigham, concessi et dedi et hac mea presenti carta confirmavi Willelmo et Rogero, filiis Nicholai ad pontem de North Walesham, et heredibus suis, vel cuicunque dare vel assignare voluerint, et heredibus assignatorum preter domum religionis, unam rodam et decem virgatas terre mee arabilis iacentes in campis de Walesham inter terram Willelmi Herward versus orientem et terram Roberti Le Calue versus occidentem, et abutat super terram Johannis Keye versus austrum et terram Thome, filii Roberti, versus aquilonem, pro humagio eorum et servicio et pro novem solidis denariorum quos mihi dederunt in gersumam, Tenend' et habend' de me et heredibus meis illis et heredibus suis siue assignatis, seu eorum heredibus, in feudo et hereditate, libere, quiete et hereditarie, Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis illi et heredes sui unum denarium, scilicet, ad festum Sancti Andree, pro omni servicio, consuetudine et exactione. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Roberto le Gildegreive; Ricardo, filio suo; Ada de Ameshil; Johanne, filio sacerdotis; Simone, filio Robert; Ada, filio suo; Briano de Felmigham; Roberto, filio suo; Hermero, filio Ade; Ricardo, fratre suo; Johanne Scrapefcin; Nicholao, filio suo; et multis aliis.

Seal, broken.

360. [Early 13th century.]—Grant by Nicholas Le Vernun, of North Walsham, to John Beneyt, of Yarmouth, his heirs and assigns, except houses of religion, for his homage and service and 15s. given in gersum, of 5 acres of land in North Walsham for ever, at the yearly rent of $\frac{1}{2}d.$ (Warranty against all folk for ever.)

Hiis testibus: Nicholao de Ling; Willelmo, filio Stephani; Johanne, filio sacerdotis; Galfrido de Ameshil; Petro Curteys; Rogero, fratre suo; Galfrido le rimur; Johanne, filio suo; Helia le ridere; Hugone Caluo; Willelmo le rimur; Radulfo, filio; et aliis.

361. [Same period.]—Grant by Elias, son of Adam, priest, of North Walsham, to Thomas of North Walsham, son of Robert de Wittone, his heirs or assigns, for his homage and service and 6s. given in gersum, of 6d. of yearly rent receivable in respect of three pieces of land in North Walsham, to hold to the said Thomas and his heirs for ever, at the yearly rent of an apple. (Warranty against all men and women for ever.)

Duke of Norfolk. Hiis testibus : Johanne Sancte Fidis ; Willelmo de Wybrige ; Ricardo, filio suo ; Nicholao de Ling ; Stephano de Walsham, clerico ; Roberto, filio suo ; Hermero, filio Ade ; Ricardo, fratre suo ; Helia le ridere ; Galfrido le rimur ; Willelmo, fratre suo ; Roberto, filio Brieni de Felmingham ; et aliis.

362. 1342, Sept. 23.—Deed of partition of tenements in North Walsham and Felmingham : parties, Roger de Walsham and his brother Richard.

Seal.

363. 1358–1426.—Among the persons named are Walter, rector of Lammesse, Alexander Gerner, and Nicholas Drake, 1358 ; William Reymyr and John atte Brok and Joan, his wife, 1393 ; John Mundefod, John Backestere, Robert Langlee, Robert Backestere and John Lomb, 1401 ; Richard de Walsham, John Backestere, John Lomb, Richard Roys and Robert Backestere, 1401 ; Joan, widow of John at Brook, Nicholas Geddyng, Nicholas Pynnyng and Thomas Davy, 1426.

Seals.

WALSHAM, SOUTH.

364. 1370.—Among the persons named are Adam Palmer, Andrew Gubbyngs, John Bole, Clement Gubbyngs and Castania, his wife, 1370.

Seals, broken.

WAXHAM (WAXTUNESHAM, WAXNESHAM).

365. [12th century.]—Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Warnerus, filius Magistri Roberti de Waxtenesham, concessi et dedi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Waltero, filio Johannis, militis de Ygham, totam terram meam de Waxtunesham et de Horseye, cum omnibus pertinenciis, scilicet, in humagiis et in terra lucrabili, in prato et in iungeto et in turbario, in pasturis et in mesagiis et in omnibus iuris (*sic*) et libertatibus predicte terre pertinentibus, pro humagio suo et servicio, et pro xlvij. marcis argenti quas mihi dedit in gersumam, Tenendam et habendam illi et heredibus suis de me et de heredibus meis libere et quiete, iure et hereditarie, Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis xvij. solidos et x. denarios, scilicet, ad purificationem Beate Marie vj. sol. et ij. den. et ob. et ad festum Sancti Petri apostoli in estate vj. sol. et ij. den. et ob. et ad festum Sancti Michaelis vj. sol. et ij. den., pro omnibus serviciis, consuetudinibus et exactionibus, salvo servicio Domini Regis, scilicet, ad huderescot xiiij. den., scilicet, ad festum Sancti Andree apostoli iiij^{or} den., et ad annunciacionem Beate Marie in Quadragesima ij. den., et ad festum Sancti Johannis Baptiste in estate iiij^{or} den., et ad Nativitatem Beate Marie ij. den. Ut ista autem carta rata sit stabilis et integra, sigilli mei appositione coroboravi.

Hiis testibus: Domino Olivero de Wallibus; Johanne, *Duke of Norfolk.* fratre suo; Willelmo, filio Roscelini; Johanne, filio suo; Roberto Malet; Willelmo de Lestre; Bartolomeo Rainhard; Briano de Hikeling; Reginaldo de Gros; Willelmo de Stalham; Stephano de Waltune; Johanne de Ludham; Simone de Rouning; Rogero de Rivershale; Johanne Fabro; et multis aliis.

366. [Early 13th century.]—Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Warnerus de Waxtunesham concessi et dedi et hac presenti carta confirmavi Willelmo, filio Thome de Thirne, duas acras et dimidiam terre arabilis in villa de Waxtunesham que iacent inter terram Thome, filii Christiane, et terram que fuit Willelmi de Suthgate, sibi et heredibus suis, vel cuicumque dare vel assignare voluerit, sive in sanitate sive in egritudine, Tenendas de me et heredibus meis libere et quiete et honorifice, Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis xij. denarios ad tres terminos, scilicet, ad festum Sancti Michaelis ^{iiij}^{or} denarios, ad Purificationem Beate Marie ^{iiij}^{or} denarios, ad festum apostolorum Petri et Pauli ^{iiij}^{or} denarios pro omni servicio et consuetudine et exactione. Pro hac siquidem concessione et donatione donavit mihi predictus Willelmus duas marcas in gersumam.

Hiis testibus: Gaufrido de Hikeling; Brieno, filio suo; Willelmo de Agia; Nicholao de Bosco; Gregorio, filio suo; Thoma de Lesingham; Radulfo de Lesingham; Willelmo de Pallinge; Gileberto de Pallinge; Ada de Horseia; Josepho, filio suo; Hugone Waverei; Hugone de Henigham.

367. 1391, Nov. 6.—Power of attorney from Sir Miles de Stapylton to Thomas, parson of Waxnesham, for livery to Sir John de Mauteby of seisin of a cottage and contiguous parcel of land. Dat' apud Waxnesham die Lune proxima post festum Omnium Sanctorum anno regni Regis Ricardi Secundi post conquestum quintodecimo.

WESTON.

368. [Early 14th century.]—Grant by Ralph Le Veutrer to Elias, son of William Galiz, of Swenington, and his heirs or assigns, for their homage and service and 8s. given in hand, of a piece of arable land with appurtenances in Weston at the rent of a penny. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Ada de Lyonns; Willelmo, filio suo; Thoma Ayelwald; Johanne Ayelwald; Johanne Payn; Willelmo, filio suo; Johanne ad Trunce; Ricardo Mathe; Elya ad Trunce; et multis aliis.

369. 1334, Dec. 5.—Release by Elyas Le Glavile to William, son of Ralph Le Veutrer, of all his right in a penny of yearly rent receivable from a piece of land at Bondescrop in Weston. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Ernaldo de Lyuns; Adam Sapience; Waltero Trote; Ada de Skardale; Johanne Galiz; Thoma Le Fullere;

Duke of Norfolk. et aliis. Dat' apud Westone die Lune proxima post festum Sancti Andree Apostoli anno regni Regis Edwardi Tertii post conquestum octavo.

WHEATACRE (WHETACRE).

370. 1427, May 17.—Grant by Robert de Wylughby, Earl of Vendosme, Lord of Wylughby and of Eresby, to John Crane, of the county of Norfolk, of 46*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* receivable of and in the manor of Whetacre by annual instalments, with right of distraint for arrears.

Seal, broken.

WILBY (WYLBEYE).

371. [Early Ed. I.]—Grant by Matthew, son of Hubert de Wylebeye, to Master William de Horham, for his service and 9*d.* given in gersum, of 1*d.* of yearly rent issuing from a tenement in Wyllebye, to hold to him, his heirs and assigns for ever. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Rogero Jurdani; Willelmo de Heltona; Roberto de Stanhawe; Huberto de Lee; Roberto de Senelawe; Willelmo Petri; Henrico Turgis; Galfrido de Boscho; Galfrido Le Chamberleng'; Willelmo de Stubbeer'; Willelmo, filio suo; Ricardo Lautr'; et aliis.

WINTERTON.

372. [Mid Hen. II.]—Hugo, comes Norf', baronibus suis, dapiferis, ministris et hominibus suis Francie et Anglie salutem: Sciatis me concessisse et carta presenti confirmasse donacionem de terra de Wintertuna quam Willelmus de Felebrege fecit Algaro de Sumertuna coram me apud Burgh', scilicet, totam terram quam Wlricus de Felebrege tenebat apud Wintertunam et Willelmus, filius suus: totam illam terram predictam dedit Willelmus de Felebrege Algaro predicto, illi et heredibus suis, Tenendam de Willelmo et de heredibus suis: Reddendo anuatim dimidiam marcam argenti Willelmo de Felebreg' pro omni consuetudine. Quare uolo et firmiter precipio quod Algarus teneat illam terram bene et in pace et libere et quiete per predictum seruicium, et heredes Algari de Willelmo et de heredibus suis teneant predictam terram.

Testibus: Roberto Pinc' [Pincerna?]; Alexandro de Vals; Willelmo, filio Walteri; Reginaldo de Sufeld'; Willelmo de Ponte; Rogero de Heimesbi; Brien, filio Algari; Rogero Ostriciario; Bordin.

373. [Late 12th century.]—Sciant omnes tam futuri quam presentes quod ego Robbertus Popi dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Henrico de Fleec viij. acras terre et iij. rodas in occidentali parte de Wintertunegate, quas Rannulfus, Prior Norwicensis Ecclesie, et totus conuentus eiusdem Ecclesie de dominio eorum mihi dederunt per seruicium ij. sol. per annum pro omni seruicio et consuetudine,

et x. acras in Dodeholm quas Nigellus de Crohebi tenuerat de Ecclesia Norwicensi et sponte sua Priori et Conuentui reddidit, quas Prior Tancredus et Conuentus predictae Ecclesie mihi dederunt pro xxviij. den. per annum pro omni seruicio et consuetudine. Quare uolo et firmiter precipio quod predictus Henricus et heredes sui teneant predictas octo acras terre et iiij. rodas de me et heredibus meis pro ij. sol. per annum pro omni seruicio et consuetudine, et prenomintas x. acras terre in Dodeholm pro xxviij. den. pro omni seruicio et consuetudine; et pro hac donacione et concessione predictus Henricus dedit mihi v. marcas argenti ad iter meum perficiendum apud Sanctum Jacobum, et unam robam per annum omnibus diebus uite mee. (Warranty clause.)

*Duke of
Norfolk.*

Hiis testibus: Algaro de Sumertunia; Rogero de Ormesbia; Willelmo, sacerdote de Ormesbia; Simone, filio Roggeri, et Johanne, fratre suo, de Hocleia; Nicholao, filio Algari, et Johanne, fratre suo; Radulfo de Clipesbia; Willelmo de Crahfordia, et Nicholao, fratre suo; Johanne qui tunc fuit procurator (?) Algari, et Gerwasio; et multis aliis.

374. [Late 12th century.]—Universis Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit Johannes Dei gratia Norwicensis Episcopus et G[irardus] Prior et Conuentus eiusdem loci salutem in Domino: Omnibus notum esse uolumus nos concessisse et hac presenti carta confirmasse Henrico, filio Algari, de Fleg, et heredibus suis, viij. acras terre et iiij. rodas in occidentali parte de Wintertonegate, et x. acras in Dodeholm quas Nigellus de nobis tenuit et nobis reddidit, Tenendas sibi et heredibus suis de nobis in perpetuum, Reddendo nobis annuatim de predictis terris iiij. sol. et iiij. den. pro omni seruicio et consuetudine. (Warranty clause.)

Testibus: Gaufrido Archidiacono; Roberto de Waxtuneham; Roberto de Chipeham; Varino de Rollesbi; Willelmo de Burgo; Ricardo de Ramesle; Rogero de Martham; Johanne de Burgo; Gervasio de Heimesbi; Ernis de Eimesbi; et Rogero Trusseb'

375. [Late 13th century.]—Grant by John de Catefeld, rector of Belhaye church to Thomas de Beggeville and Beatrice, his wife, for a sum of money given in hand, of the moiety of a messuage and 50 acres of land in Winterton, Somerton, Heimsby and Martham, to hold to the said Thomas and Beatrice and the said Thomas's heirs, of the chief lords of the fee, by the due and wonted services.

Hiis testibus: Domino Willelmo de Vallibus; Domino Bartholomeo de Somerton; Rogero de Ormisby; Willelmo Clere; Willelmo, filio Senescalli; Ricardo, filio suo; Johanne de Runham; Radulfo de Wyntertuna; Johanne Brun; et aliis.

Seal.

Later deeds continue the history of this manor as far as 1462.

*Duke of
Norfolk.*

WITCHINGHAM (WYCHINGHAM) ST. MARY.

376. 1416, Sept. 26.—Release by Nicholas Bron, son and heir of Henry Bron, of Sparham, to John Berneye, son and heir of Sir Robert Berneye, of all his right in all the lands and tenements which the said Sir Robert Berneye purchased of his said father Henry.

Hiis testibus : Willelmo Medilton ; Thoma Wegg ; Thoma Cocks ; et aliis. Dat' apud Wycchyngham Beate Marie die Sabbati proxima ante festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli anno regni Regis Henrici Quinti post conquestum quarto.

WITTON (WITTUNE) and WALCOTT (WALEKOTE).

377. [12th–13th century.]—Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Nicholaus, capellanus de Wittune, dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta confirmaui Roberto fratri meo totam terram quam pater noster Walterus tenuit in villa de Wittune cum omnibus pertinenciis ad terram illam pertinentibus et terram illam quam pater noster tenuit in villa de Walekote de Domino Willelmo de Hedesfel cum omnibus ad predictam terram pertinentibus, Tenendam libere et quiete et integre sine aliquo retenemento illi et heredibus suis, Reddendo inde annuatim dominis utriusque feudi illud seruicium quod predice terre solebant reddere.

Hiis testibus : Domino Nicholao, pincerna ; Ricardo, filio eius ; Ricardo de Belhus ; Willelmo de Gigmigham ; Nicholao de Walsham ; Willelmo, capellano de Hormesbi ; Willelmo capellano de Bertune ; Rogero de Walsham ; Willelmo le cunestable ; Bertholomeo de Aclee ; Ada, capellano de Walesham ; Hodone de Lig' ; Roberto, filio eius ; Roberto, filio Ade ; Henrico, constabulario ; et multis aliis.

WITTON (WITTUNE).

378. [Early Hen. III.]—Grant by Thomas La Veyle, son of Roger La Veyle, to John, son of Benedict, of Gernemue [Yarmouth], for 9 marks, of the wardship of the land and heirs of Robert Godchep, of Wittune, and the marriage of the heirs, to hold to him and his heirs and assigns until the full age of the said heirs, according to the custom of the realm, at the yearly rent of 10s. in lieu of all services, &c., save scutage. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis [testibus] : Ricardo Le Butiler ; Reynero de Bellehus ; Magistro Radulfo de Wurthell ; Petro de Musters ; Ricardo de Cattune ; Roberto de Wardeboys ; Anselmo de Glanvilla ; Philippo, filio Radulfi ; Thoma de Bastwic ; Johanne Keyne ; Godefrido de Felmingham ; Roberto Crespin ; Willelmo de Wittune, clerico ; et multis aliis.

379. [Mid-13th century.]—Quitclaim by John Creynele to William Schattoc of all right in a rood of land in Wytton fields, to hold the same to the said William and his heirs of the chief lords of the fee, at the yearly rent to the said John of $\frac{1}{2}d.$ (Warranty clause.) Given for the quitclaim, 2s.

Hiis testibus : Thoma de Sancta Fide ; Thoma de Wybrygge ;
 Johanne de le Hyl ; Johanne de le Hyrne ; Hugone atte
 medwe ; Thoma atte newehus ; Willelmo, filio Galfridi, de
 Redelyngton ; et aliis.

Seal, broken.

380. 1332-3, Feb. 2.—Grant by John de Dallyngges, parson of Berdewelle, and John Camplion, of Bromholm, to Roger attemere, of Wyttone, of $\frac{1}{2}$ acre, 10 perches, of land in Wyttone, to hold to the said Roger, his heirs and assigns, of the chief lords of the fee, by the due services. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Johanne de Ketlestone ; Roberto Brid ; Hugone attefen ; Thoma de Langham ; Willelmo Halfkmit ; Willelmo in ye Hirne ; et aliis. Dat' apud Wyttone in festo Purificacionis Beate Marie anno regni Regis Edwardi Tercii post conquestum septimo incipiente.

WOLTERTON.

381. 1284, Oct. 11.—Grant by Roger de Wlterton, knight, to the Hospital of St. Giles, Norwich, of a piece of land in Wlterton, in exchange for nine pieces of land granted to him by the Hospital, to hold the said piece of land at the yearly rent of 11*d.* for ever. (Warranty clause.) Act' apud Wlterton' die Martis proxima post festum Sancte Fidis Virginis anno regni Regis Edwardi duodecimo.

Testibus : Dominis Herveio de Stanhwoe, Willelmo de Calthorp, Bartholomeo de eadem, Symone de Norys, Bartholomeo de Antingham, militibus ; Roberto de Erpingham ; Petro, Ricardo, Thoma, fratribus eiusdem Roberti ; Johanne, filio eiusdem Roberti ; Bartholomeo Quayk ; Johanne Wykemere ; Thoma Le Jay ; Ricardo Fabro ; Roberto, filio suo ; et aliis.

WOOD DALLING.

382. 1365-6, Feb. 6.—Grant by John Wysdam, of Wode-dallyng, and John Nottyng, of Thyrning, to John de Hornefeld, of Thirning, and Agnes, his wife, of a messuage in Wode-dallyng, to hold to the said John and Agnes and the said John's heirs and assigns, of the chief lords of the fee, by the proper services.

Hiis testibus : Edmundo de Lyng' ; Johanne Gos ; Roberto de Calthorp ; Johanne Treghe ; Willelmo Wysdam ; et aliis. Dat' apud Wodedallyng' die Jovis proxima post festum Purificacionis Beate Marie Virginis anno regni Regis Edwardi Tercii a conquestu quadragesimo.

Seals.

WORSTEAD (WYRTHESTEDE).

383. 1300-1, March 9.—Grant by Ralph, son of Eustace de Wrthestede, to William, son of Benedict, of Dilham, for his service and 20*s.* given in gersum, of two pieces of land in

Duke of Norfolk. Wrstede, to hold to the said William, his heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of 1*l*. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus : Domino Willelmo de Crostwet ; Willelmo de Burwde ; Johanne de Smalberg' ; Johanne Wype ; Hermero de Stowe ; Ada Way ; Ricardo Seyve ; Roberto Baret ; Johanne Gilberd ; Ricardo Elwyn ; et aliis. Dat' apud Wrstede die Jovis proxima ante festum Sancti Gregorii anno regni Regis Edwardi vicesimo nono.

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MANUSCRIPTS*
OF
SIR HERVEY JUCKES LLOYD BRUCE,
PRESERVED AT
CLIFTON HALL, NOTTINGHAM.

This collection consists mainly of private deeds and other documents not calling for notice. The more ancient of the private deeds serve to illustrate the history of a corner of Nottinghamshire, which, despite the researches of Thoroton and Raine, still remains somewhat obscure. They are accordingly briefly noticed under the localities to which they severally refer.

BARTON-UPON-TRENT.

1. [Late 13th century.]—Among the persons named are Alice, widow of Richard Faber, and William, her son; Richard Le Palmer and Alice, his wife; William, son of Osgot, son of Adam, and Richard, son of Richard Le Palmer and Alice, his wife.

BAWTRY (BAUTRE).

2. [c. 1250–1330.]—Among the persons named are Robert Gulle, Beatrice, his daughter, and Nicholas, son of Nicholas [c. 1250]; Emma, widow of Geoffrey Gulle, and Hugh Brun and Beatrice, his wife, April 24, 1300; Thomas Gulle and William, son of Ebbusa, March 30, 1304; William in the Willows and Alice, his daughter, Sept. 29, 1316; John, son of Nicholas Kayser, and Philip de Ewyas, valet of the king's chamber, Feb. 24, 1320–1; Nicholas Ranewy and Robert Faber, junior, July 13, 1321; William, son of Gregory Faber, and Thomas Goulle, Dec. 21, 1322; Robert Leker and Simon de Marton and Margaret, his wife, July 25, 1330 (?).

BLYTH (BLIE).

3. Among the persons named are:—[Early 13th cent.] Alice, widow of Lawrence, son of Richard de Blie, and Reginald, son of Robert Le Barrer; [early Hen. III.] Gilbert, son of Robert de Bilby, Agnes Coteloue, his mother, Reginald Springold and Dionisia, his wife, Henry, merchant, William,

* For additional Manuscripts, see pp. 389–433 *infra*.

Sir Hervey son of Warner, parson of Blyth, Master John and Margery,
Bruce. his daughter; [mid-Hen. III.] John, son of William Benedict,
 and his sister Agnes, William Pentracle, Alice, daughter of
 Herbert Ray, Warner son of Walter, Reginald Lorimar,
 and Richard de Lundon; [late Hen. III.] Thomas, son of
 Nicholas, son of Gamell, Robert del Clay, Agnes, widow of
 Warner, son of the parson of Blyth, William, son of Richard,
 of Bawtre, Emma, Agnes' daughter, William Goldsmith,
 Reginald Springold, William son of Ralph Blund, Nicholas
 Cook, Alice, widow of Richard Paste, William Faber, Robert,
 son of Thomas Benvenu, and Elias, son of Hacunmeye;
 [late 13th cent.] Robert Proude, John de Oxtun and Marjery,
 his wife, William Malyn and Agnes, his wife, Maud, widow of
 John de Tylne, Michael, her son, Elias Snel and Constance,
 his wife, Custance, widow of Elias Snel, Robert del Clay,
 Richard, son of Alured de Bilby, Henry, son of Roger de
 London, clerk, Sir William de Aune, Enota, widow of Robert
 Balkoc, Hugh de Ravenschelf and St. Mary's church, Blyth,
 William, clerk, nephew of Brother William Burdoun, late Prior
 of Blyth, Robert Le Fuster and Maud, his wife, Elias Mene
 and Isabel, his wife, and Robert Le Fuster and Maud, his wife,
 Aug. 19, 1291; Thomas, son of Elias Mene, and Robert de
 Blyth and Maud his wife, Oct. 18, 1296; John, son of Adam de
 Retford, and Agnes, his wife, and Roger de Lundres, March 13,
 1308-9; Robert, son of Ingelram de Ulecotes, and Constance
 de Biern', 1309; William, clerk, nephew of Sir William Bordon,
 late Prior of Blyth, and Robert Le Fuster, and Maud, his
 wife, March 31, 1309; Dionisia, daughter of William Thurstan,
 and Robert del Clay, Oct. 22, 1313; Robert del Clay and
 Sibyl, wife of William Persoun, March 15, 1314-15; Peter, son
 of William Dynnesoone, and his sister Cecilia, April 2, 1315;
 Roger de Loundres and Susan, daughter of Agnes Ryvers,
 Sept. 26, 1315; Beatrice and Agnes, daughters of William
 Gynnes, and Alice, daughter of William Brasse, Nov. 11, 1315;
 John de Lagton, vicar of Northwell, Geoffrey, chaplain, Roger
 de Northwell, clerk, Robert de Lagton and Susan, his wife, Nov.
 20, 1315; Cecilia, widow of William Thurstan, and her daughter
 Dionisia, March 2, 1315-6; Roger de London and Robert
 del Clay, July 5, 1316; Isabel, widow of William Person, and
 Robert del Clay, Sept. 10, 1316; John Haldan, saddler, and
 William, son of Geoffrey, baker, and his wife Beatrice,
 daughter of William Haldun, Sept. 29, 1316; John de la
 Redehalle and Robert del Clay, March 6, 1317-18; Alice,
 daughter of William Le Person, and Robert del Clay, Oct. 5,
 1318; William de Bechton and Robert del Clay, March 11,
 1318-9; Gilbert Thurstan and John Thurstan, May 1, 1319;
 John Haldan and Robert del Clay, Feb. 23, 1319-20; Alice,
 daughter of the late Robert de Bekyngham, and William
 Brasse, 1320; Alice, daughter of Gilbert de Ravenschelf, and
 Robert del Clay, Sept. 11, 1320; Peter de la Sarre and Thomas,
 son of Roger de Bagley, Feb. 3, 1321-2; —, son of Reginald,

painter, and William Bras, c. June 29, 1326; William, son of Robert Alwy, and his sister Agnes, July 9, 1326; Henry, son of William de Manchester, and Robert Alwy, 1333; George de Clay, Hugh Henryot, and Robert de Ewes le Ewes, and Nicholas Peeke.

BROUGHTON SULNEY.

4. 1155 (*sic*).—Deed in a fourteenth century hand, but dated Michaelmas, 1 Hen. II, purporting to be a grant by Warin de Cranwelle to John Thomas of a carucate of land in Broughton Sulney, to hold to him, and the heirs of his body, of the chief lords of the fee, by the due and wonted services. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Alselmo (*sic*) presbytero; Magistro Willelmo Cranwelle de Broughton; Thoma Clerke, de eadem; Hugone Chalcumbe, de eadem; Hugone de Broughton, de eadem; Willelmo Fabro, de eadem; et aliis. Dat' apud Broughton predict', in festo Sancti Michaelis Archangeli anno regni Regis Henrici Secundi post conquestum primo.

CARLTON IN LINDRICK.

5. [Early 13th century].—Among the persons named are Robert de St. Quintin and Thomas, his nephew, Richard, Abbot of Wellebec, Henry, Prior of Wirkesop, Robert Rumbald, Constable of Tickhill, Philip de Ulecotes, William de Creisi, Richard Le Franceis, Robert de St. Quintin, Idonea de St. Quintin, Richard de St. Quintin, Ydonea, daughter of Sir Robert de St. Quintin, Thomas de St. Quintin, Sir Malvasin de Hersyn, otherwise Mauveisin de Hersy, Seneschal of Tickhill, Sir William de Cressi, Geoffrey de Hodeshac, Robert de Kelesout, Geoffrey de Kirketun, John, son of John de Karleton in Lindric, and William de Melton.

6. Later deeds.—Among the persons named are :—

[Early Hen. III.].—Robert, son of Richard de Furneus, Geoffrey, son of Roger de Langholt.

[Mid-Hen. III.].—Thomas of Lincoln Bridge or Thomas of Lincoln and Juliana, his wife, Nicholas, son of Hamund, and his son William, Robert, son of Walter de Karleton, Geoffrey de Langolt, Robert, son of Hamund, of Estmarcam, and Alburna, his wife, Robert, son of Hugh on the way of Estmarcam, and Margery, his wife, Agnes, daughter of Richard de St. Quintin, John, son of John de Carleton, William de Melton, Walter de Furneus, Roger, son of Geoffrey de Langholt, Laurence de Sicham, William, son of Roger de Langolt, Simon Le Grasse, Richard de Sumercote (1259), Roger, son of William Bond, Adam, son of Robert de Langolt, Robert, son of Walter, Robert, son of Ralph, Ysoda, daughter of Nicholas de Swaynistorp and her sister Golda.

[Late 13th century.].—Hugh de Kelsalt, William Le Mercer, Thomas, son of Adam, son of Arnald de Carleton, Agnes, daughter of Richard de Ravenschelf, Roger de la Haye and

Sir Hervey Alice, his wife, Richard de Furneus and Sibyl, his wife, Juliana, Brucc. daughter of William, son of Nicholas de Carleton, and her children, John, William, Thomas and Christiana, Richard de Forneus, Jurdan de Langold, John, son of Agnes de Karleton, Jordan de Langolt, Henry Ducti, James, son of Arkell, Jordan, son of Robert de Langolt, Richard Skinhose, Jordan, son of Robert de Langolt, Gilbert, son of Arnald, Hugh Fildig, Roger Gardiner, Roger Bond, Nicholas Fildig, John, son of John de Karleton, John, son of Angn' in villa Regis, William de Furneus, John, son of John in Carleton, Hugh de Aldam, John, son of John de Carleton, Jordan Godman, Thomas Smith, Agnes, daughter of Jordan de Langolde, Ralph in via de Carleton, Robert, son of Goscelin, Agnes, widow of Jurdan de Langolt, Robert Spiri, William de Furneus, son of Sir Robert de Furneus, Richard, son of Robert Blundel, Henry Ducti, Agnes, widow of Jurdan de Langold, Hugh, son of Robert Blundel, Robert, son of Thomas de Carleton, William del Hull, Hugh de Kelsalt, William Le Mercer, Ralph Blundel, Robert, son of Gozelin, John, son of Gozelin, and Sarah, his daughter, Robert, son of Thomas de Lincoln, Richard, son of Roger de Swaynestorp, Hugh Bussel, Robert Godman, William de Melton, Agnes and Linota, daughters of John, son of John de Carleton, William de Melton, Hugh Buscel, Thomas, son of Jurdan, Henry Blundel, William Gamel, Thomas, son of Hugh de Carleton, Robert, son of Gamel de le Wallandwell, William, son of Ralph Marche, Thomas de Langold, William, son of Nicholas Provost, Henry Gamel, Agnes, daughter of Gilbert Faber, Geoffrey, son of Assylia de le Wallandwell, Thomas de Langold, Thomas, son of Adam de Langold, Thomas, son of Jordan de Langold, Ralph, son of Robert Spiri, Thomas, son of Hugh de Aldam, Thomas de Langold, John, son of Hugh de Aldam; Henry Blundel, and William Gamel, Dec. 22, 1294; Hugh de Aldam, and Thomas, son of Jordan de Langold and Alice, his wife, Dec. 6, 1298.

[14th century.]—William de le Hull and Juliana, his wife, and Henry de Warwick, Michaelmas, 1300; Dionisia, widow of John de Aldham, and Thomas, son of Jordan de Langholt, Nov. 12, 1307; Robert, son of William de Carleton, and Hugh de Aldam, Michaelmas, 1309; William, Hugh and John, sons of Ralph Marche, Geoffrey de Possewik and Emma, his wife, June 10, 1310; William, son of Ralph Marche, Geoffrey de Possewik and Emma, his wife, Dec. 18, 1310; Agnes, widow of Jordan, son of Adam de Langold, and Thomas, son of Jordan de Langold, March 19, 1311; Hugh de Aldam, and Geoffrey Possewik, April 9, 1312; Reginald, son of William del Hull, and Thomas, son of William de Furneus, March 6, 1312-3, and March 26, 1313; Ingelram, son of Hugh de Aldam, and Geoffrey de Possewyk, Aug. 19, 1313; Richard de Misen and his son William, Oct. 12, 1313; William, son of Richard de Mysen, chaplain, John del Grene and William, his son, Dec. 16, 1315; Robert, son of Nicholas Le Brithe,

and Thomas, son of Laurence, Feb. 22, 1315-6; William Marche and Geoffrey de Possewik, April 7, 1316; William, son of Hugh Bussell, Juliana, widow of William del Hull, and William, her son, Agnes, daughter of William Russel, Juliana, widow of William del Hull, and Walter, her son, Sarah, widow of William Russel, Juliana, widow of William del Hull, c. 1316; Ralph Marche, William Gamel, and Henry, his son, Sept. 26, 1316; Beatrice, widow of Hugh de Aldham, Juliana, widow of William del Hull, and Walter, her son, Thomas, Stephen and John, sons of Hugh de Aldham, Thomas de Langold, Sept. 29, 1316; Alice, daughter of William Russel, and Robert de Grideling, March 20, 1316-7; Robert Broun and Alice, his wife, and Robert Grideling and Alice, his wife, June 21, 1317; Sibil, widow of Richard Furneus, and Thomas de la Grene, Feb. 16, 1317-8; Alice and Agnes, daughters of Sarra de Carleton, and Robert Grindling and Alice, his wife, June 25, 1318; Henry, son of William Gamel, and William, son of Hugh Bussell, June 29, 1319; William, son of Hugh Bussell, and Henry Gamel and Joan, his wife, Aug. 8, 1319; Alice, widow of Roger del Heye, and Thomas, son of William de Furneus, Sept. 21, 1319; Henry, son of Ralph Blondel, and Thomas, son of Laurence, Dec. 14, 1321; Beatrice, widow of William, son of Aubrey de Carleton, and Robert de Gridelinges, April 4, 1323; Amabel, daughter of Adam Prichom, and Thomas de Langold and Alice, his wife, Oct. 3, 1323, and April, 28, 1324; Alice, daughter of Henry Roison and Roger de Barleburgh, Jan. 2, 1323-4; Jordan, son of Alan Cawyn, and Thomas, son of William de Furneus, June 18, 1324; Robert de Langold and his brother William, Jan. 12, 1343-4; Henry and William, sons of Richard de Possewyk, and Walter de Carleton, Sept. 12 and 19, 1341; William Howett and Henry de Carleton, Dec. 2, 1397.

COSTRAP (COSSARDTHORP).

7. [Early Hen. III.]—Among the persons named are Maud, daughter of Henry Cossard, Thomas de Burton, and Richard Chamberlain.

8. [Late Hen. III.]—John, son of Ralph de Dynnington, and Sir Robert de Burton, vicar of Blyth.

FAREWAT.

9. [Mid-13th century.]—Among the persons named are Elias, son of Alwy de Stirap, Elias, son of Elias de Farewat, and Norman de Stirap.

10. [Late Hen. III.]—William Dyer and Elias, son of Ingram de Stirap.

FIRBECK (FRITHEBECK).

11. 1311-1476.—Among the persons named are Ascilia, widow of John Dalk, and Alan dele ston, tanner,

Sir Hervey May 19, 1311; Thomas Gilbert, of Ammonsbury, chaplain, and
Bruce. Joan, daughter of Richard Crost, of Burton-by-Bole, May 31,
 1476.

FLEECETHORPE (FLIKESTHORP).

12. [Mid-13th century.]—Among the persons named are Peter, son of Maurice de Kelum, the canons of Wellebec, Geoffrey de Hoddeshaig, and William, Abbot of Wellebec.

13. [Late 13th century.]—Robert, son of Richard de Flixthorp, Hugh de Ravenshelf, Roger, son of Peter of Begthorp, of Wyssington.

HAMPOLE (HANEPOL).

14. [Mid-13th century.]—Among the persons named are the Prioress of Hanepol and William, son of Roger de Cressy.

HARDWICK (HERTHWICH).

15. [Early 13th century.]—Among the persons named are Aubrey de Chevercurth, widow of Robert de Sancto Quintino, and Thomas de Sancto Quintino.

HARMSTON (HERMISTON).

16. [Mid-13th century.]—Among the persons named are Emma, daughter of William on Hermiston Moor, William, her uncle, and Beatrice, her mother.

HARWELL (HEREWELLE) and EVERTON.

17. 1299–1308.—Among the persons named are Simon de Fressenade and Nicholas Cayser, of Bautre, Nov. 11, 1299, and July 23, 1308.

HARWORTH.

18. 1326–7, Jan. 4.—Among the persons named are William, son of Adam Pope, of Harworth, and Margery, daughter of Elias del Grene, of Stirap, 1326–7, Jan. 4.

HODSOCK (HODDESHOC).

19. [Early 13th century.]—Among the persons named are Roger de Cressi, Stephen, merchant, of Blith, Robert, son of Maud, son of Stephen, merchant, of Blith, William Petre, son of Goce, son of Stephen, merchant, of Blith, Robert, perpetual vicar of Blith, Hugh, provost of Blith, and his kinsman, Henry, clerk, of Hoddishac.

20. [Mid-13th century.]—Among the persons named are John, son of William de Cressy, William, son of Geoffrey de Hoddissac, William de Cressy, Robert, son of Alan Hund, Robert de Hodeshok, rector of Werm sword Church, Henry de Grandon and Custance, his wife, William de Cressy, Thomas, son of Roger de Hoddesak, Robert Hound, Alwerid, son of Geoffrey Cook and Aldusa, his wife.

21. 1263, Dec. 21.—Among the persons named are Dame *Sir Hervey* Sibil de Cressy, William, her eldest son, and William de Cressy, *Bruce.* of Marcham.

22. 1272-8.—Among the persons named are Sir William de Cressy and Thomas de Hoddysnac, Christmas, 1272, and Dec. 9. 1278.

23. 1304-1323.—Among the persons named are William de Cressy and Thomas de Hareworth, 1304 and Jan. 25, 1307-8; William de Cressy and his daughter Joan, Nov. 14, 1305; William de Cressy and his son Hugh, April 12, 1311; Agnes, daughter of Richard Carpenter, and Hugh, chaplain of the Hospital of St. John the Baptist without Blith, Jan. 7, 1311-2; Hugh de Cressy, William de Swynford, Hugh de Suthwelle and William de Suthewelle, chaplains, June 18, 1315; Robert Tirpe and Margaret, his wife, and William de Alyngton, Oct. 31, 1316; Robert Tirpe and Margaret, his wife, and Henry de Grendon, March 28, 1317; Hugh de Swell, chaplain, and Elias Faber, April 30, 1318; Henry Hount and Robert Godd, May 29, 1321; John Depervylle and William de Elemosinaria, April 13, 1323; James de Baumford and Sir Edmund de Cressy, Dec. 17, 1323; William de Castelford, parson of Wyntereslowe church, and Robert Goldyng, Aug. 8, 1356; Sir John de Cressy and Sibil de Cressy, Nov. 11. 1364.

HOLME.

24. [Mid-13th century.]—Among the persons named are Richard, son of Richard of the mill in Blith, and Richard de Disseford.

25. 1314.—Among the persons named are Beatrice, daughter of Hugh of Holm in Thorp, and Roger, son of Milla, of the same place, April 25, 1314; John Stoven of Mysen, Maud, widow of Hugh de Holme, and Robert del Clay, of Blith, July 2, 1321; John, son of Simon, of Holme, and Walter Burgeis, Aug. 18, 1342; John Thurstan and John, son of Richard Baxster, Sept. 26, 1353; Margaret Beck and Gosselin Deyville, Sept. 29, 1390.

KELLESOLTE.

26. [Mid-13th century.]—Among the persons named are Hugh le Sleghe of Averam, and Ysabel, his wife, John de Theleby, son of Ralph de Theleby, Osbert, son of Giles de Lincoln, and Marjory, his wife, John de Theleby, son of Ralph de Theleby, William, son of William de Kelsolt, and Roger de Bois, son of Robert de Bois, of Newerk, Nicholas, son of Hugh de Wermundiswrth, and Roger de Bois, son of Robert de Bois, of Newerk.

27. [Late 13th—early 14th century.]—Among the persons named are John de Tevelby, William de Cressy and Joan, his wife, Joan, daughter of William Kelesholt, and

Sir Hervey Bruce. Sir William de Cressy, June 26, 1281 ; Sir William de Cressy and Peter de Cressy, April 25, 1305.

LEVERTON, SOUTH.

28. [Mid-13th century.]—Among the persons named are William, son of Robert Le Palmer, and Henry Brenhand.

MARKHAM (MARKAM) and SAUNDBY.

29. [Late 13th century.]—Among the persons named are Robert de Grendone and his brother William.

MARKHAM, EAST.

30. 1302-1325.—Among the persons named are Geoffrey de Westeyrd and Richard, son of Hugh, Michaelmas, 1302, and Michaelmas, 1305 ; William, son of Richard, and his brother Hugh, Jan 13, 1324-5 ; William, son of Adam, son of Eve, and Hugh, son of Richard, April 23, 1325.

MARTON.

31. [Late 13th century.]—Among the persons named are Ralph, son of Edef, Nicholas, son of Nicholas, of Bautre, Robert Gulle, of Bautre, and his son Robert, Emma Gulle, of Bautre, and her daughter Beatrice.

OLDCOTES (ULECOTES, OULECOTES).

32. [Early 13th century.]—Among the persons named are Richard Paste, of Blyth, Henry on Le Grene, of Ulecotes, Adam de Lettewell, Roger, son of Richard de Lundris ; Nicholas, son of Roger de Ulecotes, and Peter de Cotis.

33. [Mid-13th century.]—Among the persons named are William of the Cemetery, Henry of the Green, of Ulecotes, William, son of Robert, of Blyth, John Minot, William, son of Robert of the Cemetery, Warner Hodeman and Alice, his wife, Richard Benderer and Cecilia, his wife, of Blyth, Adam de Lettewelle, Peter de Cotis, Hugh, son of Hugh de Hulecotes, John, son and heir of Elias Botild, Elias Freman and Alice, his wife, John Faber and his daughter Beatrice, Ingeram, son of Reginald de Styrap, Geoffrey del Kirkeierd, William, son of Henry del Grene, of Ulecotes, Robert, son of Robert of the Cemetery, of Ulecotes, Richer, son of Blithe (*sic*), of Ulecotes, Adam de Lettewelle, Elias Freman and Alice, his wife, Simon de Gaynesburh.

34. [Late 13th century.]—Among the persons mentioned are Maud Le Palmer, widow of Peter del Cotes, Henry of the Green, of Oulcotes, John, son of Hugh, Elias Freman, John Darcy, knight, son of Roger Darcy, knight, Robert Russell, of Tykehill, and Cecilia, his wife, John, son of Hugh Le Gardener, Elias Freman and Alice, his wife, William, son of Peter de Cottis, William, son of Henry of the Green, of Oulecotes,

Warner Hodeman and his wife Alice de Walkringham, Richard *Sir Hervey*
Benderer and his wife Cecilia de Walkringham, Elias, son of *Bruce.*
William de Oulkotes, John de Oulkotes, Elias Freman and
Alice, his wife, William, son of Peter de Le Cotes, and Elias
Freman, Dec. 17, 1273; William de Cressy, lord of Hoddesak,
and Elias, son of William, son of Agnes, of Oulecotes, June 7,
1297.

RANSKILL (RAVENSCHETF).

35. 1317.—Among the persons named are John de
Bassingburn and Robert del Cley.

ROCHE ABBEY, FEE OF.

36. [Early Hen. III.]—Among the persons named are
Reginald, Abbot, and the Convent of Roche, Philip, son of
Alice, daughter of Gerard de Stirap, Godric de Stirap, and
Quenild de La Saucere.

37. [Late 13th century.]—Among the persons named are
William, son of Warner, senior, of Blythe, and Robert
del Clay.

STAINHAYE.

38. [Mid-13th century.]—Among the persons named are
Robert, son of Roger de Waternou, and William, son of
Geoffrey de Hoddishac.

STANTON-ON-THE-WOLDS.

39. [Late 13th—early 14th century.]—Among the persons
mentioned are Cecilia, widow of Sir Peter de Raleye, William
de Bredon', Nicholas, son of Nicholas de Wydmerpol, John
Seman, rector of Stantone church, William Plunjun, Nicholas
de Wydemerpol, William, son of William de Bredon', and
Nicholas, son of Nicholas de Wydmarpol, Nov. 24, 1308.

STREETTHORPE (STIRTORP), near DONCASTER.

40. [Late Hen. III.]—Grant by Richard Le Butteler, of
Stirtorp, son of Richard Le Butteler, of Sandal, to Richard,
son of John de Stirtorp, for a sum of money given in hand, of
2 selions in Stirtorp field, to hold to the said Richard, his
heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of $\frac{1}{2}d$. (Warranty clause.)

Hiis testibus: Hugone Le Butteler; Roberto Petipas;
Ricardo Petipas, de Sandall; Alexandro Coco; Johanne ad
Ecclesiam; Hugone Francais, de Kirc Sandall; Ada Bosse;
Johanne de Balnea; Johanne, filio Willelmi de Stirtorp;
Johanne de Donecastr'; et aliis.

STYRRUP (STIRAPE, STYROPE, &c.).

41. [Early Hen. III.]—Among the persons named are
Richard, vicar of Blyth, and his brother Reginald, Ingram,
son of John de Styrape, William Leuwin, William of Sutton,
tanner, Hugh Bole and Gelian, his wife, of Blyth, Maud,

Sir Hervey daughter of Warner of Holm, William Haldan, Roger, son of
Bruce. Stephen, baron, of Blyth, Daniel, son of Nicholas, of New-
 castle, and Custance, his wife, Auvered, of Barnby, and Gelian,
 his wife, and Alan Faber, of Stirap, and his wife.

42. [Mid-13th century.]—Among the persons named are Ralph, son of Ingelram de Stirap, Norman, son of Aluered de Stirap, Hugh, son of John, physician, of Stirap, Ingeram, son of Reginald de Stirap, Roger, son of Godefrey de Stirap, Norman de Stirap, Robert Drincof, of Blyth, and Maud, his wife, Norman de Stirap, John called Foune, of Blyth, Ingeram, son of Reginald de Stirap, Reginald de Stirap, and Richard London, of Blyth.

43. [Late 13th century.]—Among the persons named are Simon, son of Ingram de Stirap, Elias, son of Ingram, son of Reginald de Stirap, Maud, daughter of Ingelram de Stirap, and her brother Elias, Norman, son of John de Anneslay, Peter de la Sarre, of Blyth, and Alice, his daughter, Thomas, son of John Costard, of Stirap, William, son of Nicholas de Hareworth, Aubrey, his wife, and John, their eldest son, Nigel de Stirap, Ingeram, son of Reginald de Stirap, Ingeram, son of Reginald de Stirap, and William Leuwin.

44. [14th century.]—Hugh de Serleby, guardian of Robert, heir of John, son of Thomas de Stirap, and Thomas de Hareworth, Oct. 9, 1305; Joan de Gatteford, widow of John, son of Thomas de Stirap, and Thomas de Harreword, Sept. 29, 1314; Thomas de Hareworth and Robert, son of Thomas de Stirap, May 9, 1322; Elias, son of Ingeram de Stirap, and John Fychet, March 11, 1322-3; Joan, widow of John, son of Thomas de Stirap, and Thomas de Harworth, March 27, 1323; Elias, son of Ingeram de Stirap, and Aubrey, widow of William, son of Nicholas de Hareworth, May 7, Oct. 2, 1323, April 8, 1324; Elias, son of Ingeram de Stirap, and Henry Staweley, April 16, 1324; Thomas de Serleby and William, son of William de Kelom, July 22, 1324; Thomas de Serleby and Maud, his wife, and William de Kelom, Aug. 15, 1324; Elias, son of Ingelram de Stirap, and William de Kelom, Sept. 25, 1324; Elias, son of Ingelram de Stirap, and Aubrey Hunder and her son John, March 15, 1324-5; Elias, son of Ingeram de Stirap, and William de Kelom, June 18, Nov. 8, 1325, Feb. 2, March 6, 1325-6; John Fichet, of Tykehill, and Thomas, son of Elias de Baggeley, of Hareworth, April, 1331; Beatrice, widow of Elias, son of Ingeram de Stirap, her son John, and William de Kelom; Ingram, son of John de Sterap, and William, son of Lewin; John, son of Elias de Stirap, and Thomas atte Halle, of Stirap, Oct. 5, 1355; Thomas atte Halle, John, son of Elias, and Cecilia Alwy, of Stirap, Oct. 5, 1355; John de Farnfeld, perpetual vicar of Harwrth, John de Upton, chaplain, Thomas de Stanelay, Alan Alwy, of Sterap, John Alwy, of Harwrth, and William Kelom, of Sterap, Sept. 29, 1371; Thomas de Harworth, of Blith, Alan Alwy, Thomas del Grene, of Styrap,

John de Basne, of Tikhill, and William de Kelum, of Styrap, *Sir Hervey Bruce*,
May 13, 1383.

THURGARTON (THURWERTON).

45. 1287, May 2.—Among the persons named are Isabel de Ros, Lady of Belvoir, widow, Roger, son of Roger de Thurwerton, Sir William de Ros, Lord of Hamelack, and Master Robert de Belvoir.

TICKHILL, YORKS.

46. [Early 13th century.]—Among the persons named are Robert de Chevercrut and Thomas de St. Quintin.

47. [Early Hen. III.]—Among the persons named are Gilbert, chaplain of Fridebec, his brother Thomas, and William, son of Richard de Ottelay.

TORWORTH (THORDEWORD).

48. [Early Hen. III.—early 14th century.]—Among the persons named are:—Gilbert Carpenter and Robert, son of Thomas de Mamesfeld, and Beatrice, his wife; Robert Astin, and Warner, son of Walter de Blith, and Agnes, his wife, Michaelmas, 1270; Thomas Warde, janitor of Blith Priory, Robert del Clay, of Blith, and Rose, his wife; William, son of Eustace de Thordeword, Henry de Wredenale and Agnes, his wife; William, clerk, nephew of Brother William Burdon, late Prior of Blith, and Bartholomew of Sutton in Blith, and Margery, his wife, Nov. 8, 1305.

WALLINGWELLS (WALLENDWELLIS) and WOODSETTS
(WODESETES).

49. 1262.—Among the persons named are William, son of Roger de Cressy, Lord of Hodesak, and Robert, son of Nicholas de Lacton.

50. 1451, June 29.—Among the persons named are Robert Clifton, Edmund Daynell, Christopher Cressy, esquires, Sir William Fox, rector of the moiety of Claypole church, Sir Richard Westhall, chaplain, John Martyn, Richard Matlok, and the Prioress of the Convent of Nuns at Wallandwelles.

WARMSWORTH (WERMESORTHE, WERMESWORD), YORKS.

51. [Early 13th century.]—Among the persons named are Adam de Newmarket and Roger, son of Geoffrey de Hoddishoe.

52. 1303, May 4.—The persons named are Thomas de Hodeshok, of Wermesword, William de Grandon, rector of Babeword, Henry de Grandon, brother of the said William, and Custance, daughter of John, son of the said Thomas.

*Sir Hervey
Bruce.*

WATNALL (WATENOW).

53. [Early Hen. III.]—Among the persons named are Roger, son of Relam, and William, son of Geoffrey de Hoddishac.

54. 1255.—Among the persons named are Robert de Watenow, son of Roger de Watenow, and Ralph de Cressy, clerk.

WHATTON, LONG, and WILFORD.

55. [14th century.]—Among the persons named are:—Sir Gervase de Clifton and Robert le Serjeant, April 9, 1317; Sir Gervase de Clifton and Richard, son of Richard, Sept. 21, 1321; Gervase de Clifton, son of Sir Gervase de Clifton, and Robert de Clifton, Lord of Clifton, June 14, 1325; Sir Gervase de Clifton and Thomas de Wilforde, May 4, 1563.

WOODHOUSE, YORKS.

56. [Early 13th and mid-13th century.]—Among the persons named are:—William de Cressy, knight, Lord of Hodessak, and Sir Hugh de Southwell, chaplain of the Hospital of St. John the Evangelist without Blith, John Clarel, canon of Southwell, and Hugh Elyoth, of Wodehouses.

The collection contains many deeds of later date and other documents, among which may be mentioned the following:—

57. 1471.—Inventory of goods belonging to the Hospital of St. John the Evangelist, near Blith.

58. 1566.—Copy of the will of Roger Bradshaw, of Stanton-on-the-Wold.

59. 1579.—Copy, much decayed, of the will of Edward Basset.

60. 1583, April 9.—View of horses &c. at North Wood, Clifton manor.

61. 1594.—Copy, much decayed, of the will of Sir Anthony Thorold.

62. 1600—1, Easter.—Copy of a decree of the Court of Wards giving effect to a clause in Sir Anthony Thorold's will, providing for the education of young Gervase Clifton, son and heir of George Clifton, Esq., deceased.

63. 17th century.—Copy of the introductory clauses of the will of Robert Cecil, Earl of Salisbury.

64. 1643.—Copy of the will of Sir Edmund Williams, Bart.

65. 1662.—Will of Sir Gervase Clifton, Bart.

66. 1669.—Copy of the will of Sir Clifton Clifton.

67. 1670.—Copy of the will of Thomas Hankinson, of Dalbury, Derbyshire, yeoman.

68. 1686.—Copy of the will of William Allinn, of Ruddington, Notts, yeoman.

There is nothing else that calls for notice except the following *Sir Hervey Bruce.*
miscellaneous letters and papers :—

WILLIAM HEWET, afterwards LORD MAYOR OF LONDON, to
SIR GERVASE CLIFTON.

69. 1558, May 27. London.—In reference to a pending lawsuit.

EDMUND THOROLD to WILLIAM THOROLD.

70. 1563, May 7. Grays Inn.—On family affairs.

FRANCIS BEAUMONT to SIR GERVASE CLIFTON.

71. 1585, May 19[–29].—On legal business.

The SAME to the SAME.

72. 1586, Sept. 28[–Oct. 8]. Gracedieu.—On the like business.

BRIAN LASSELLS to the SAME.

73. [Late 16th century.] Dated, Tersalte [Teversall, Notts], 27th of this instant.—In reference to money matters.

SIR GERVASE CLIFTON to SIR ANTHONY THOROLD.

74. 1587, Sept. 1[–11]. Clifton.—“With God’s harty blessinge to my good daughter, whome our Lord make a joyfull mother to all our comforthes, and most harty thanks to you, good brother, for sendinge so dyscrete a man as this bearer unto my Lord Treasurer, whose honorable answer to our letters makes us both bounden to praye for him and hys, and rest hys wholly to comaund. A more corteous and frindly letter could not be wrytten to the dearest frind my Lord hath. The letter shal be safely kept, and my sonne Beaumont shall see both my Lord’s and yours ; and thankinge you for takinge the opinion of those that be learned in our case. Your inventory shall be maid up and sent you as shortly as we can.”

Holograph.

The SAME to the SAME.

75. 1587[–8], Dec. 22[–Jan. 1]. Clifton.—“With most hartie thanks for your great cost and charge you weare in at the christning and all other your gentlenes. Verie sorye to heare that my daughter hath taken any could, or ys evyll. And shall praie to God even from the boatham of my hart to send her as much health, comfort and strength as I would to my grandchild, and to them both I praie God longe continewaunce and comfort. My man ys retorned from my Lord Treasurer with a comission to enquire of the tenor, for unlesse ther bee a tenor found, ther can no graunt passe from the Quene ; but this hys Lordship saith, that, if yt faule in hys tyme, accordinge to the answer he hath sent us he will stand

Sir Hervey to hys worde. My sonne Beaumontt saith, he will take
Bruce. further councell at this tearme, and then renewe this comission, yf occasion faule oute. The Countys of Warwick had sent to my Lord Treasurer for the wardshipp, who sent unto her our letter sent to him and hys promisse to the same. Yt cost me mony to Mr. Hare and another nerer my Lord, who hath promist to shewe what favour they maye."

JOHN HARPUR, D.L., to SIR ANTHONY THOROLD.

76. 1587[-8], Jan. 19[-29].—"Sir, yt hath pleased God to vrysyt Sir Jervys so greuously with sicknes as my Lady and brother Pierpoint and all of us about him doe greatly doubt hys recovery, and because hertofore Sir Jervys and yourself uppon your joint letter to my Lord Treasurer received most honorable and good wordes from him for the wardshipp when it hapned, and since the byrth of myn nephew (whome I hartely prairie God to blesse), Sir Jervys himself hath revived the sute, and received no less comfort from hys honor: wherupon a comission was sued fourth for fynding the office. Since Sir Jervys was with you, but staied by my brother Baumont's advyce, for that he could not be ward during Sir Jervys hys lyfe, my Lady thought good that I should ackquaint you with the whole, requiring your best advyce and furtherance in joyning with her to bring the same to som good effect for the benefytt of the infant, which if it be not dealt in by hys own frends will spedely be gotten by others who will make a prairie of him and that he hath."

SIR THOMAS STANHOPE to [LORD BURGHLEY].

77. 1587[-8], Jan. 29[-Feb. 8]. Shelford.—"Right honourable, my humble dutie premised, theis maie be to advertise the same, that this last sommer, when yt pleased God to call my cosin George Clifton to His mercie, leaving his wyfe great with child, I for the better comforte of the old gentleman my dere frend and nere kinseman gave hym advise to be an humble sutor to your Lordship for the wardship of the child if pleased God to send it well into the world. Whereuppon Sir Jervis tould me in short tyme after with great thankfullnes and prayse unto your Honor that your Honour vouchsafed unto hym and to Sir Anthonie Tarold thother grandfather the prefermente thereof. Yt hath nowe of late pleased the Lord to call this old knighte unto Hym also, the more is his blisse, but the greater my losse, and, Sir, I had just cause to love hym and his well. The respecte whereof inforceth me to trouble your Honour thus much, humblie to desire you to contynewe your goodness to the house, which hangeth uppon one bare threede, I meane the breath of the infante lyveing, that it would please you to contynewe your favour thereunto, so as he maie be equallie leafte unto the parents of eche syde, who no doubte will the one so see to the other as the safe bringing up of the

child wilbe therbie best cared for, and as the case standeth, *Sir Hervey Bruce.* Sir Anthonic Tarold being a wyse and discreete gentleman (haveing of any that I knowe of those that be interessed so nere in the infante the providenteste circumspeccion), and being furthest from the revercion of that inherytance, will, if he be a partener in the wardship, take the chiefeste and best care for the preservacion and benefit of that house, which is all I desire in this behalf. And I could not satisfie myself well without enterprising to wryte as is aforesaied unto your Honour, leveing unto your wisdom the juste consideracion of the matter."

LORD BURGHLEY to SIR ANTHONY THOROLD.

78. 1587[-8], Jan. 26[-Feb. 5].—"By your letter brought by this berer I did first understand of the deth of Sir Jervais Clifton, whoss liff was such as I trust he is in God's hands to receave a blessed lyff without any second deth.

"For his heyre how so ever the wiff or mother shall seke I meane nothyng shall be therein doone without your lykyng and the benefit of the child. I understand a messynger left lettres with you directed to me; I pray you open them, and if they concern any matter touchyng the leivtenancy, I pray you communicat the same with my Lord Wylloughby to perform such thynghs as ar therin conteaned.

From my houss in Westminster, 26 Janv., 1587."

Holograph.

The SAME to the SAME.

79. 1587[-8], Feb. 26[-March 7].—"After my verie hartie commendacons. I have received your lettre dated the 24th of this moneth, by which you write that two daies before the funeralles of Sir Gervis Clepton my Lord of Rutland had written to you of my liking that Mr. Beaumont and Mr. Harpur should be joined with you in the wardship of the heire of the said Sir Gervis, wherein his Lordship was misinformed, myself never having anie meaning to joine them or others with yowe but such as yowe should like of: And it is verie treue as yowe write that lettres weare written to me upon the meeting of Mr. John Manners, Sir Thomas his brother, and the others mentioned in youre lettre, at the time of their meeting at Clifton at Sir Gervis' funerals for and in the behalf of Mr. Beaumont and Mr. Harpur, but neither hath that or anie thing else moved mee to alter my determinacon without your liking, and so maie yowe assure your selfe. And so I verie hartelie commend mee unto yowe. From the court thes xxvjth of February, 1587."

Autograph.

The SAME to the SAME.

80. [1588,] April 7[-17].—"Though I have hard of late you have bene sick, yet hopyng for the best of your recovery, I am

Sir Hervey Bruce. bold to send this lettre to you to be sent to my Lord Willoghby, and so also to be sene by you and answered by you both.

"From Westminster the 7 of April, the daye of the memory of the resurrection of Christ the firstfruits of us all that shall also ryse to liff everlastyng.

Postscript.—"I have yelded to no importunite of sondry to displace you from the gardenry of your grandchild yong Christopher."

Holograph.

FRANCIS BEAUMONT to SIR ANTHONY THOROLD.

81. 1588, April 19[-29]. Gracedieu.—As to the same matter.

SIR THOMAS STANHOPE to the SAME.

82. 1588, April 20[-30]. Shelforde.—As to the wardship and other matters of business.

SIR ANTHONY THOROLD to the COUNTESS OF RUTLAND.

83. 1588, Dec. 17[-27]. Marston.—"I have written a lettre to my Lady your sister of Winckburne, the which herein enclosed I do send to your Ladyship to peruse. And yf your Ladyship like thereof, it may please you to send the same accordinglye on Friday next, but not before because Mr. Sutton's letter is dated as to-morrow being the 18th day of December instant. The motion is so reasonable and charitable that I think her Ladyship will therunto yeld without trobleing my Lord Treasurer with any lettres for that purpose. Yf not, upon advertisement from your Ladyship I will write to his Lordship."

ISABEL, COUNTESS [DOWAGER] OF RUTLAND, to SIR ANTHONY THOROLD.

84. 1588, Dec. 18[-28]. Newark.—"I have receaved bothe your lettres th'on to me, th'other to my Lady of Rutland, and because of their wronge endorsment I retorn them unto you back againe, likinge verie well of your lettre to my Lady of Rutland, praying you to insert thus moche in the same that her Ladyship will also assent that those which have the custodie of the corne may also be charged with the keepinge of the money uppon the sale thereof; and that it will please you to send the same to her Ladyship accordinglye."

"And with my verie harte comendacons to your self and my Lady I comitt you to God."

Autograph.

SIR ANTHONY THOROLD to LADY CLIFTON.

85. 1590, April 12[-22]. As to matters connected with the wardship.

QUEEN ELIZABETH to GILBERT TALBOT, EARL OF
SHREWSBURY.

*Sir Hervey
Bruce.*

86. 1590, [Nov.].—"Good Gylbert, for as yet we cannot well acquaynt ourselves with any other name: Knowing of this gentellman his purpose to repayer to you we would not but lett you knowe that which aforehand cannot be unknowen unto you, that is our grieve for the loss of so honorable and faythfull a servaunt and subject as your late good father was: and yet on the other syde we thanck the Allmighty in that He hath left such a sonne in whome we may be sure to inherytt the loiall and devote affection and servyce of the father as the plant proceeded from so good a root and stock, which you shall fynde we wyll cherishe with the favour of a lovinge and gracious Sovereaigne towards you and your bretheren also: beinge very gladd to heare of your good agreement together, which we doubt not but you wyll nourishe and maynteine as a thinge that shalbe most pleasinge unto us. Commende us we pray you to your mother-in-lawe, whome, thoughe somme others did not so thincke, yet, we did knowe and were allways persuaded, would not a lyttle grieve for this hir losse: and so you shall saye to hir from us. And let not your wyfe be in the least nor last place of our harty commendations."

Copy.

87. 1598, 1599.—Copies of letters of Lord Keeper Egerton and the Earl of Essex, printed by Birch, *Memoirs of the Reign of Queen Elizabeth*, ii. 384-388, 484-6.

PENELOPE, LADY RICH to QUEEN ELIZABETH.

88. 1599, Nov.—"Early did I hope this morning to have had myne eyes blessed with your Majestie's buthyes, but seeing the sonne desappere into a cloud, and meeting with spiritts that did presage by the wheelles of theyr charriotts som thunder in the ayr, I must complayn and express my feares to the High Majestie and devine oracle from whence I receaved a doubtful answer, unto whose power I must sacrifice agayne and agayne the teares and prayers of the afflicted that must dispayr in tyme if it be too soon to importun Heaven when we feel the miseryes of Hell, or that words directed to your sacred wisdom should be out of season delivered for my unfortunat brother, whom all men have liberty to defame as if his offences were capitall and he so base dejected a creature that his love, his lyfe, his services to your butyes and the state had deserved no absolucion after so hard punishment, or so much as to answer in your fayr presence who would vouchsafe more justice and favor then he can expect of partiall judges, or those combined enemyes that labour upon false grounds to buyld his ruine, urging his faults as criminall to your devine honor, thinking it a heaven

*Sir Hervey to blasphem Heaven when theyr owne particuler malice
Bruce.* and counsayle have practized only to glutt themselves in
 theyr privat revenge, not regarding your servis and losse so
 much as theyr ambitious ends, to rise by his overthrowe.
 And I have reason to apprehend that if your fayr hands do
 not check the course of theyr unbridled hate, that the last
 course wilbe his last breath, since the evill instruments that
 by theyr office and cunning provide for the feast have
 sufficient poison in theyr harts to infect. The servis, they (*sic*)
 will seem, shalbe easy to digest till it be tasted, then will it
 prove a preparative of greater mischefe concealed amongst
 such crafty workmen as will not only pull downe all the
 obstacles of theyr greatnes, but when they are in theyr full
 strength (like gyants) make warr agaynst Heaven. But your
 Majestie's conclusion in giving hope of audience is all the
 hope and comfort I have, which if you hasten not before he
 take a full surfett of disgraces, they will say the spotts they
 have cast upon him are too foule to be washed away, and so
 his disgraced reputacion must disable him for ever serving
 agayne his sacred goddess, whose excellent butyes and
 perfeccions will never sufferr those fayr eyes to turn so farr
 from compassion; but at the least, if he may not return to
 the happyness of his former servis to live at the feet of his
 admired mistris, yet he may sett downe to a privat lyfe
 without imputacion of infamy, that then posterity may not
 repent theyr fathers were borne to so hard destinye, two of
 them perishing by being employed in one cuntry where they
 would have done you servis to the shedding of theyr last bloud
 if they had not bin wounded to the death behind with
 faccion [*lacuna*] that careth not upon whose neck they buyld
 the walles of theyr owne fortunes, which, I fear, will grow
 mor dangerousli high then yet is discovered, if God not
 hinder the worke as the Tower of Babbell, and confound theyr
 tongues that understand on another too well. And lastly,
 since out of your princely nature and unstayned vertue ther
 must needs appear that good virtues are not farr from such
 butyes, I humbly beseech you to make it your owne worke,
 and not to suffer those to take advantage that lye in ambush,
 thinking, so soone as they discover a relenting and compassion
 in your worthy mind, to take the honor upon them as meanes
 of our salvacion, not out of charity but pride, that all must
 be attributed to them, and your sacred clemencye abused as by
 forcing us to go through purgatory into Heaven. But let your
 Majestie's devine power be no more eclipsed then your butye,
 which hath shyned through all the world. And imitate the
 Highest in not destroying those that trust allways in your
 mercyes.

"With humble request I presume to kiss your fayrest hands,
 vowing all obedience and endless love."

Endorsed, a lettre from my Lady R. to the Queen in the
 behalfe of her brother the Erle of Essex.

"Early copy, differing materially and in the main for the better *Sir Hervey Bruce*.
from the versions printed in *Birch's Memoirs of Queen Elizabeth*,
ii. 442-3, and *Calendar of State Papers Domestic, Addenda*,
1580-1625, p. 398.

89. 1600[-01], 1[-11] Feb.—Abstracts of proceedings in the cases of the Earls of Essex and Southampton.

90. 1601, Sept. 8[-18].—Letter of Robert Eyre, tenant of Blith Spital: business matters.

91. 1603.—Speech of Richard Martin to James I. at Stamford Hill: printed in Nichols' *Progresses of James I.* vol. i. p. *128.

92. 1603, Nov. 17[-27].—Brief account of the arraignment of Sir Walter Raleigh, purporting to be by an eyewitness.

DR. MATTHEW HUTTON, ARCHBISHOP OF YORK, to ROBERT CECIL, VISCOUNT CRANBORNE.

93. 1604, Dec. 18[-28]. Bishopsthorpe.—As to the best methods of dealing with Puritans and Papists. *Copy*. Substance of the letter printed in *Correspondence of Dr. Matthew Hutton* (Surtees Soc., 1843), pp. 24-25.

94. 1608[-9], Feb. 2[-12].—Letter of Robert Eyre: business matters.

95. c. 1612.—*The Character of the late Erle of Salisbury*, by Jerill (*sic*) Turner. Cf. *Historical MSS. Commission Report IV*. App. p. 361, and *Dictionary of National Biography*, "Tourneur, Cyril."

ACCOUNT OF THE REDUCTION OF ELFSBORG BY THE DANISH AND ENGLISH FORCES.

96. [1612,] May 14-Aug. 12 [o.s.].—"Parte of the English forces came before Elsborough Castell in Sweden on Thursdaye the 14 of Maye and landed on Satterdaye the 16 of the said moneth. Then was the ordinance planted, and on Fryday the 22th by 7 a clocke in the morning the King began to playe with 7 peeeces upon one of the towers of the castell contynually tyll ten a clocke, at which tyme he had beaten downe parte of the tower, having spent 200 shott.

"Then he sent a trompetour to summon the castell. The enemy desyred 4 howres respight, which was graunted:

"At 2 a clocke the same daye the King sent a trompetour agayne to knowe their aunswer, which, it should seeme, pleased not the King, for presently on his returne he commaunded the cannon to playe agayne, and before 5 a clocke (having drawne downe more greate peeeces) he had with 286 shott made a breache for 3 to enter abrest, yet were they to clyme a worke 23 or 24 foote high and very difficult to gett up before they could come to the breache.

*Sir Hervey
Bruce.*

"About 5 of the clocke the same evening all the Englishe companyes fell to the assault, and notwithstanding those difficultyes and daungers as stones, murderous ordinance and smale shott, some 5 cullours entred.

"The waye which we were to marche from our quarters to the castell was without any maner of shelter, all the ordinance and other shott playing just upon us.

"There were many brave gentlemen slayne and hurte in this assaulte.

"The King's guard with other Dutche companyes came to second the English, but could not assend the top of the rock whereon the castell stood they were so pelted with greate shott, smale shott, and stones, yet still the English were within the breache and went as farr as men could, but were forced to retreate agayne.

"For at length the enemye flonge into the roome where the English were barells of gunpowder, gurnadoes and other fyerworks, and blewe many of them out, yet many of our men gott downe before they tooke fyre and received lytle hurte, but divers were hurte also with the fall of some parte of the tower that was blowne downe with the powder. Many of our men were also hurt with a shott that the King himselfe made when our men were under the breache. He did it, thinking to keepe the enemye from throwing stones, but the stones that fell at his shott did farr more hurte.

"There were slayne of officers on this service Lieutenant Hynde, lieutenant to Sir John Pooly, Lieutenant Byrde, lieutenant to Captain Gossnall and Ensigne Delves, ensigne to Captain Broade, and divers other gentlemen of good worthe.

"More officers were hurte, but none slayne, as Captain Gossnall and others.

"As our men were retyring the breache, the King sent a trompetour agayne to the castell, but it was a good while before they would heare him, but at length there was truce made on both sydes tyll the next daye, when the articles were agreed on.

"And on Sondaye the 24th of Maye the enemy came to a parly, the governour yealded up the castell, and they marched forth with flying cullours and bag and baggadge. And the governour wisht the King to give the Englishe thanks, for (sayd he) had it not bene for them, all the Danes in Denmarke should never have gotten it, so long as they had munition and victuals left.

"Then the King with his owne guard entred into yt.

"In this assault there was about 500 hurt and slayne.

"On the 25th of May the King removed his forces to a skonce of the enemyes called Golsborough or Goldberge [Gullberg], being some 3 English myles from Elsbrowgh. And on the 29th we also marched thether. It was held an invincible stronge place, yet it was yealded up on the first of June.

"The reason of their so suddayne yealding it was because *Sir Hervey Bruce* there was none but boores in it, besydes they wanted bread, salte and other necessaryes.

"The 2 of June the King with his forces went awaye, and on Sondag the 7th of June, without the losse or hurte of any man, we marched some 7 or 8 myles, and were quartered opposite to a castell of the King's standing in Norwaye called Boehouse [Bohus].

"And from thence we began our marche, and marched up into the land some 120 myles, makeing spoyle of the boores in the country, and returned backe to Goldbergh on Monday the 29 of June, being St. Peeter's day, in all which tyme no enemy entcountred us, only a troope of horse of the enemyes kept in the rere of us and tooke divers of our sicke men that were not able to keepe with us.

"The captain of which troope was a Skottsman called Burrell, but the whole troope were Swedens. There was no man of note taken by him but one Collonell Hambleton, who had gayned his honour with the Sweden, but afterward came to offer his service to the King of Denmarke and was taken by the enemy.

"Yet this adversary of ours was at the last taken on Monday the 29th of June, and most of his troope slayne.

"When the King came to Goldberge he fyred and rased it very much.

"The 10th of July 8 Englishe companyes were cast, and the same night the King with all his Dutche marched from Goldberge into the land agayne, and on Monday the 13th of the same the English followed him.

"On Thursdays the 23 of July the King with his horsse troopes and some fewe muskettieres, which were lykewyse horssed, rodde some 20 myle from our quarter to a towne of the enemyes called Inkeepen [Jönköping].

"But the enemy no sooner sawe the King's troopes to approach them but they fyred the towne and retyred into the castell.

"The King could do no good on the castell, and therefore on Tewsdays the 28th of July he returned to us agayne, and the same day we all marched backe agayne.

"Synce the begining of Merche we have lost a greate number of our men by sicknes, as well officers as soldiours. It is the suddaynest and daungerousest sicknes that ever I knewe, for a man is well and sicke to death in an howre.

"Of our 3,500 we have not nowe 700 fighting men, which punishment of the most proves a generall plague to us all, for it maks the King not to respecte us to see so suddayne a fall without doinge him any service to speake off.

"Here are many cullours and fewe men to follow them.

"In all our marches the King with his army consy sting of 8,000 horsse and 8,000 foote lodged within 5 myle of us, still following in the rere of us.

Sir Hervey
Bruce.

"The King is now this 12th of August gone to sea, to fight with the King of Sweden's shippes, and taken with him Sir William Constable, Captain Hackford, and divers others of the English.

"The companies are now all gone to garryson, and the English lye in garryson in a towne called Malstrant [Marstrand], and another English garrison is at Boehowse."

97. 1612.—Copy of letter of Henry Howard, Earl of Northampton to the University of Cambridge (printed, Cooper, *Ann. Cambr.* iii. 49) endorsed upon a folio containing a copy of a passage from Bacon.

98. 1613.—Abstract of Archbishop Abbot's letter to King James I. in the matter of the divorce of the Countess of Essex and the King's reply. See Cobbett, *State Trials*, ii. 794–802.

SIR GERVASE CLIFTON to MR. PURIFFY [PUREFOY].

99. 1613, May 6[–16]. Hodsocke.—Relating to a dispute about places in church.

100. 1614.—Abstract of Ecclesiastical Commission within the Province of York, dated 18 July, 1614.

101. 1614.—Certain considerations exhibited to the Commissioners for Musters.

102. [c. 1614.].—The humble submission of Paule Tomson [a notorious gold clipper pardoned in 1615].*

103. [1615.].—"AN ABSTRACT of a LETTER received the 12th of Maye.—There are two things fresh with us that gives us cause of [writing]: First a secrett delivered by the Count Hoenloo [Hohenlohe], who was ambassador from the Emperor to the Archduke and hovers still upon the skirts of Germany; that he hath yett a secrett comission to produce when the soldiers shallbe withdrawne from the litigious places. It is conceived this must either be a disavowement of the Treatie of Xanten or sumones to the princes pretendours to appeare for the decission of their cause before the Emperour; either of them may decline the ends and aymes men have in the rendition of the places.

"The other is the Prince Electour hath taken Wormes, an Emperiall Episcopall Popishe, which will serve the Kinge of Spayne for a verie good cullor to hasten on his attempt of Germany to save (as he will pretend) the Emperor and the Holy League.

"But it is also discoursed that the Pallatine was constrained to doe this, to stopp the practises of the League, which would not only have taken this towne but the rest, to the utter destruction of the Protistant partie.

"While theese men have ben entertayned with putting in and out in the formularie of the promises, the Spaniards have

* Cf. *Calendar of State Papers, Domestic*, 1611–18, p. 278.

and doe conteneu fortifying within and without Wesell; *Sir Hervey Bruce.*
within, raising bullwarke; without, drawing a trench between
their forte and without the towne.

"And in all things indeede, but in a fewe doubtfull words
theie shoue no intendment of reall meaning for the rendicion
of the townes and withdrawinge of the soldiours, and if
according to our faint hopes theie should deliver the townes,
its a strange error in the Spanishe Counsell, without more con-
straint then appears, after a million of expence to render
townes now upon the same tearmes theie ought to have done
in November last according to honour by the Treatie of
Xanten.*

"Wee heard the affaires of Savoy are in compounding, yet
the Count John of Nassau, haveing levyed 400 horse by the
States' permission, is gone thitherward with them.

"And although the States did refuse him such voluntaries
of their troppes which would have gone with him, yet theie
have given him a convoe of 600 horse to convoe him and
his troppes one safe ground."

104. 1616, May 25 [-June 4].—Collections of the arraignment
of the Earl of Somerset. *See Cobbett, State Trials*, ii. 966.

105. [1616, Nov. 18-28].—Speech of Lord Chancellor
Ellesmere at the installation of Sir Henry Montagu as Lord
Chief Justice and Montagu's reply.

106. 1616.—Letter to Sir Edward Coke upon his fall:
anonymous, published towards the end of 1616: printed in
Cabala and ascribed (wrongly in Spedding's opinion) to
Bacon.

107. 1617, May 7[-17].—Bacon's speech on taking his seat
in Chancery. *See Spedding, Letters and Life of Bacon*, vol. vi,
p. 184.

108. 1618, Oct. 7[-17].—Letter of Wentworth to the
Archbishop of York, complaining of the scandalous negligence
of Thomas Benson, Vicar of Wath upon Dearne, and Benson's
answer.

109. 1618, Oct. 28[-Dec. 7].—Summaries of Sir Walter
Raleigh's last speeches, and account of his execution, as by
an eyewitness.

110. A PROPOSITION made by the States of Bohemia in
theyr Assembly at Prague upon the Election of a
Kinge the 16th of August, beinge the birthday of
the Prince Elector Palatine.

[1619].—"Albeit the nomination of a Kinge of Bohemia
requires a mature counsell and deliberacion, which ought to
precede the nomination, it is an affayre notwithstandinge of the
lesse difficultye then the iejectinge (*sic*) of a king which gave a
beginninge to this and stands in neede both of a good justification

* Cf. Dumont, *Corps Dipl.* tom. v. pt. ii, p. 259.

Sir Hervey and of a great power, where[as] the nomination hath of those
Bruce. aydes but follows of itselfe after the rejection.

"Now therefore, since the iejection (*sic*) as the thinge importinge us is already done, the nomination wilbe much the more easily provided that in the choyse we stand not presisely upon such a perfection as the world cannot yield us. It behoves us also to set apart all perticuler passions and to have regard only to those reasons that are fundamentall, for there are requisite points so necessary to be considered in the eleccion of a kinge that [it] is not for a good patriot to give his counsell for receivinge of one in whome those points required is not found, but one may with very good assurance conclude for him in whome they doe dayly more meete then in any other man.

"As in the first place in such a subject it is necessary that there be none of those thinges to be feard; for if Kinge Ferdinand was rejected, that is to say, he ought not eyther to persecute or advance any for the respect of religion nor exceede in the dependance of his owne counsaylors or of strangers, but to joine himselfe with the States he ought not to be opiniative nor given to doe thinges of his owne head, but to accomodate the customes of his house and his to the ordinances and liberties of thys crowne.

"In the second place it is required that he affect the States' reputation.

"Thirdly, that in time both of peace and warr he governe his kingdome by his owne presence worthyly and profitably.

"Fourthly, that confederates receive no cause of feare from him eyther of danger or damage. Since then there are few that are inferred into the treaty of eleccion, that is to say, the Kinge of Denmarke, the Elector Palatine, the Elector of Saxoni, the Duke of Savoy and the Prince of Transilvania, yt will therefore be to purpose to consider that, although every one of these princes in his owne perticuler deserveth prayse and commendation, neverthesse there is amongst them a certaine diversity which every one by himselfe may prudently waigh. And forasmuch as it is not permitted us to judge liberally of great princes in this place, it shall suffice without offence of any breifely to deduce the reasons for which the Elector Palatine ought to be esteemed very capable of the crowne of Bohemia, and fitt to mainteyne the present estate of the kingdome, for although his highnesse be not above 23 yeeres of age, he is a prince of a great judgement bred up from his cradle in goodnesse and vertue, one that hath persons of quality about him as well of the feild as for state who are used to curtesy, and himselfe of very plentifull hopes, and besides at this age he will better accomodate himselfe to the customes of the kingdome then if he were more increased in yeares; and God bestows not wisdome alwayes accordinge to the age of a man, but to him that calls to God for it in His feare.

“ He is a prince moderate, virtuos and resolute in his actions, *Sir Hervey Bruce.* quick and sharpe in his discourse, true, courteous towards all men, very well languaged, holds a very fayre court of earls, barrons and gentlemen, loves and cherishes the nobility, imployes in his service even men of meane condition when he finds meritt in them for it. He letts no worthy service passe him without his acknowledgement, he governs his subjects and country (in part the frontives of this kingdome) with prudence, gives estimation to men of honor, holds a well ordered councell, frequents the councell table in his owne person, takes an exact heed of the opinions and propositions of his counsellors, gives good cause of havinge his judgement approv'd and commended of thinges of importance, inclines his understandinge willingly to other men's information, loves the common good and therin takes paines with zeale and without feare, beares compassion to the afflicted, shewes himselfe laborious and resolved, is beloved of his subjects, beares himselfe peaceably with his neighbors of what religion soever they be, and winnes respect of those different beliefes for his owne religion. He is well affected, yet those who are of another fayth in his countries doe not find themselves disquieted in their consciences nor in their exercise of their religion, so as every man may live freely under him, *videlicet*, his conversation be honest and vertuous. There is none can abuse or accuse him of precipitation or opinatives (*sic*), a thing worthy remarkeable (*sic*). He is in correspondence with those of the house of Palatine and Bavoires and, notwithstandinge so, that cause forsakes nothinge of those rightes nor of the duties belonginge to the generall estate of the country, and howsoever that this prince be but younge and shewes himselfe courteous and sweet towards his people, for all that there is no lightnesse, dissollutions (*sic*) nor voluptuousnesse seene in him nor any disorder nor excesse in his diett nor any avarice and digality (*sic*) or other thinge whatsoever unbeccomminge or contrary to the reputation of a prince. For the assistance the crowne of Bohemia may expect from him, it may be understoode of any man that not only he is not in debt, and that of his revenue he can lay some thinges upp, but that also the Kinge of Great Brittain is his father-in-law, the Kinge of Denmarke is his neere kinsman, and likewise the Elector of Brandenbourh, the Prince of Orenge his uncle, the Duke of Bullion his ally, the States of the United Provinces his confederates, and ancient alliances with France, the Kinge of Sweden and the Hanse Townes his friends, and for his correspondents the Duke of Savoi, Venice and Swizerland. He is in good credit with all the Princes Electors and other Princes and Estates of the Empire, more perticularly with those of the Union he hath confederacies, the Prince of Transsilvania and High Hungary doe beare affection to him, Saxonie and Bavoires are in good termes with him, Mentz and the neighbouring countries looke uppon him with honor and

Sir Hervey Bruce. respect, insomuch as the crowne of Bohemia by this only meanes may procure the amity of all those which we doe now labour for with so much paine and travell, and by the same meanes may be conserved and fortified against our enimies, which cannot of any other nominated in the election be eyther expected or hoped for. And since it is a certainty that this prince would not accept of the election for ambition sake, but only for the common good, we may therefore promise ourselves that he will alwayes continue in the good affection he hath already shewed to this crowne by the profitable counsell and assistances which as well in his owne person as otherwayes according to the occasions he hath made to appeare, where[as] there are some others that for theyr perticuler conservations have greatly prejudiced not only the estates of the kingdome of Bohemia but the countries also and provinces confederats.

"Thirdly, the sayd confederated provinces are to consider whoe are already in good understandinge with this prince, that they cannot have the like confidence in others who are to much tyed in the respect of the house of Austria to succour the sayd provinces in theyr neede, and in such a case the confederations would bring them prejudice rather then benefitt, a point of great waight touchinge this crowne as may be seene by experience.

"Since then that all these qualities required doe meete in the person of the Prince Elector, and that in those of the others treated in the election (the Prince of Transilvania excepted, who hath his eye upon another marke) there are many imperfections to be found, as may easily be shewed, it is therefore a matter to no purpose longer to defer the election, and so much the rather because the crowne of Bohemia with the countries confederate will now after the rejection be more disquieted then ever; and remayning without a head we shall find none whoe will duly undertake our protection or defence."

111. 1619, Oct. 27 [N.S.].—"After our armies, consistinge of 18,000 led by the Count of Buckoy, and [Du Val de] Dampier[re], of the which number there weere 5,000 sicke, they encamped Idam and so towards the furthest bridges, meaninge the bridge nearest to Prage and furthest fro[m] the cittie of Vienna. But as the Bohemians, Moravians and Hungarians, consistinge of 20,000 men, did follow them at the heeles and findinge 800 of our side behinde their fellowes, they were by them cut in peeces with these wordes: 'Dampier—so did hee deale with us and ours.'

"The 23th of the same moneth did the enemye approach our campe about 11 a clocke before noone. Although the Archduke Leopold did the same day come to the campe, and sente a challenge to thenemye, yet his highnes did retire himselfe to the cittie. Thursday about ten of the clocke the battaile began, and although his highnes did goe forth to the battaile

yet did hee verie quickly retire himself to the cittie : soe *Sir Hervey Bruce.* both tharmies were fightinge on thother side Danubie with continuall shot of greate ordinance, which did continue till midnight ; so there wee lost this time 600 men. Friday early they began to renue the fight with continuall shootinge : but a suddaine miste fallinge, our men could not perceave the intente and meaninge of thenemie, and because they lay so close and quiet without noyse, wee thought they had beene gone back and retired to Fishawe [Wischau], a litle towne, which were a greate number of calvalie retired to the cittie meaninge to have stopt thenemie yf hee pressed towards the cittie ; but as the mist wente and the day began to cleare, thenemie was found to bee hard at hande, and so began a cruel fight, which continued till six a clocke at night with continuall playinge of ordinance, so as wee lost this day 1,500 men, and as reporte goes, thenemie lost 600, but our side lost certaine coronells, captaines, and manie ensignes and inferiour commanders, but manie more cruelly wounded : the Counte Buckquoi did behave himselfe verie valiantly, and although hee weere cruelly wounded, hee did ride aboute encouraginge his souldiers to fight valiantly. After night did the shootinge so continue, and the skirmishinge, that in the next morninge yt was more violent then before that the Bohemians caried the victorie ; although the Dutch did behave themselves most worthely. Fugarish and Sassish were almost lost, so that this day wee lost 2,000 men, so that in these fewe dayes of battaile and conflicte we have lost 4,500 men, and as the reporte goes the enemie hath lost 2,000 men. This night did our men breake the bridge of Vienna whereby thenemie should not pass over. This afternoone our enemies' souldiers seeke to shroude themselves under the walls of the towne and the next villages, and the wounded men were committed to the Hospitall of the Begginge Friars ; the Wallons and Hungarians are mightily discontented by reason of their bare pay, and they committ manie great insolencies on the high wayes, and uppon the verie streetes of the suburbs they rob and spoyle men, committinge also greate slaughters, and yesternight they robbed and burnte three villages, as wee might well see from Calasambergh."

112. The JOYFULL RECEIVINGE, TRIUMPHANT ENTRONCE and STATELY FORMALL CORONATION of Fredricke, the Prince Elector Palatine, and the Lady Elizabeth, Princesse Electoresse, King and Queen of Bohemia, on Munday and Thursday the 25th and 28th day of Octoberould stile, 1619.

"It is knowne unto all men for what weightie reasons the States of the kingdome of Bohemia and of the incorporated countries have with one joynte consent excluded Kinge Ferdinand from the kingedome, and have in his place, with an especiall mutuall agreement, chosen and named for their kinge the right highe and mightie Prince Fredricke by the

Sir Hervey grace of God Erle Palatine of the Rhyne, Duke of both the
Bruce. Bavaries, Prince Elector and Vicar of the Romane Empire, whome after a lawfull callinge they have crowned on the 4th and 7th dayes of November, newe stile, that is, the 25th and 28th of October,ould stile, 1619.

“Uppon the 21–31 of October, 1619, afternoone, came his Majestie with the Queene his wife, the younge prince their eldest sonne, his Lord brother Duke Lodowicke, the Duke of Wertemberge, the 2 Princes of Anhalt, together with his whole retinue, consistinge of five companies of curast horsemen, 500 of harquebus horsemen, and 3 auncients of footemen of 300 a peece, with many coatches and a very greate number of wagons laden with the carriages towards Prague, and beinge come within 2 or 3 Englishe miles thereof into a faire pleasant place be a parke called the Starre, where the Lords, the States of the kingedome of Bohemia and of the incorporated cuntryes of Moravia, Silesia and both of Lusatiaes, with the magistrates and chiefe men of the 3 citties of Prague, attended his Majestie’s cominge, accompanied with about a 1,000 horse, very statelie and well appointed; there the[y] alighted and received him out of his coatche with greate state, honor and reverence, unto whome the Baron of Tallenberge, Lord Greate Chamberlaine, made a speech in the Bohemian tongue, which the Barron of Ruppa interpreted in Dutche: his Majestie gave thereunto so good an answer as that the States much rejoyced thereat, which done, they came one after another, kneeled downe and kissed his Majestie’s hand. In like respect every way was the Queene received, save that they kneeled not unto her.

“Then his Majestie mounted on horsebacke, but yett stayed a whyle, till the lords and gentry were also mounted and that their Coronell Kinski had orderly marshall’d them, whose discipline his Majestie well liked. Then the[y] marched on conductinge his Majestie towerds Prague; when he came into the cittie, the citizens of the 3 citties of Prague stooode in armes, very bravely appointed, as well on horsebacke as on foote on both sides the streets and open places, makeinge a lane or courte of garde frome the entringe in of the cittie unto the castle; their Majesties rid alonge, and that in this manner.

“They of the little cittie were one cornett of horse with 6 trumpetts and one kettledrumme, they of the newe cittie one cornett of horse with 6 trumpetts and one kettledrumme, they of the ould cittie one cornett of horse with 6 trumpetts and one kettledrumme, as also another companie of 200 horse voluntary well-willers, and 7 companies of foote, all citizens, exceedingly well mounted and furnished.

“And when his Majestie came nere unto the newe forte and bullwarke before the castle, whereon stood a companie on foote with a displayed ancient, there were standinge 400 boures or husband and laboringe countrymen representinge

the communalty and 4th state or parte of the land, all armed accordinge to the ould and auncient custome and manner of their country, *videlicet*, they had an ould weatherbeaten auncient wherein was painted the name Ziseha (*sic*),* their auncient captaine or generall and deliverer, with a challice, and the hoste or signe of a wafer, eache their armes of the ould fashion, a hevy brestplate, a massie headepeece to assault and scale withall, wooden clubbes sett with iron spikes, iron flayles or threshalle, crosbowes, great iron sheildes, with 2-handed swords, and stood in battaile array as Lizaha (*sic*) had in his time appointed them. When his Majestie came unto them he stayed a while and was by their captaine entertained and welcommed with a Lattine oration, who did greatlie congratulate his Majestie's comeinge, and havinge concluded, the multitude began to cry out, *Vivat, vivat Rex Fredericus!* and so ran together to route on a heape one amongst another, makeinge such a greate noyse with their armes as that his Majestie tooke greate pleasure thereat and could not forbear laughter. Before his Majestie there marched 400 horsemen under their Coronell Kinsby (*sic*), representinge the knight-hood and gentry of the land, who had 8 silver trumpetts and 4 other trumpetts with 8 cettledrummes; their cornett was of blew damaske whereon were the Prince Elector Palatine's armes richly imbrodered; the Lords Derectors and States of the land followed after bravelie mounted; after them rid the Duke of Mansterberge (*sic*) of Silesia, haveinge on his right hand the Duke of Wertemberge and on the left hand the younge Prince of Anhalt. Then rid his Majestie's Lord brother Duke Lodowicke with ould Prince Dhinstion [Christian] of Anhalt, after whome immediatelie followed his kinglie Majestie on a blacke greate horse covered with a blacke footeclothe all over imbrodered with silver. Then followed the Queene ridinge in an exceeding rich coach, the like whereof had never beene seene afore in Prague, and by her sate the younge Prince her sonne; after her Majestie came 2 other coaches wherein were the wives and daughters of divers princes and earles, after which followed sundry other coaches with many gentlewoemen, maides of honor and others, and after these came lastly the Prince Elector's owne coronell and harquebus horsemen and footemen in good order, the horsemen well mounted, all statelie deckt with brave attire, faire liveries and gallant scarfes of blewe, the King's colours.

"This ridinge through the cittie lasted 3 houres longe, and was beheld of many thousands of people to their greate admiracion; his Majestie tooke therein greate pleasure and did oftentimes put off his hatt, and with a chearefull countenance bowe himselfe towards the people, as did also the Queene both chearefully and with greate majestie. When they were come within the castle court there the[y] sawe a man sittinge above upon the churche with an auncient in

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* John Zizka, the Hussite.

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Bruce. man sittinge uppon the rounde ball on the steeple toppe, who played a longe time uppon a kettledrumme.

"In the castle court theire Majesties alighted nere unto the longe hall and went towerds the greene chamber, where there stode a great number of Bohemian ladyes and gentlewoemen of good rancke richly attired, who received her Majestie with greate reverence, and so attended on her into her lodgings. All things were accomplished with such state, honor, and good successe as the like was never yett done unto any Romane Emperor; all which shall shortlie be cutt in brasse, and made publicke unto the viewe of the worlde.

"Here followeth the King's coronacion.

"All the highe officers of the kingedome as of nobilitie the Lord Chiefe Burgrave Lord Bhonstowe, Barron of Bercha, the Lord Highe Steward of the lands, Lord Wilham Lobkowth or Belkowth Barron, Lord de (*sic*) High Chamberlaine Lord John Barron of Tallonberge, the Lord Chiefe Justice of the land, Lord Wentzeslawe, William Barron of Ruppa, the Lord Highe Chancellour Lord Paul Barron of Ritschan, the Lord Chiefe Justice of the Feodaries, Lord Peter Barron of Schambergke, the Lord Chiefe Burgrave of Charlestone, Lord Joachim, Andrew Erle of Selicke, knights of the gentry, the Chiefe Secretary of the land, Caspar Caepler, Undertresurer Procopius Dirarssetche, Underburgrave of Charstone Bohnslaire of Micholowth, and the Burgrave of the knightlie province, or tract of Grotzer, Henry Ottoe of Losse* and many others, beinge sommoned and come the 22th of Octob. ould stile, 2 (*sic*) Novemb. newe stile, to give their attendance, and doe their service at the coronacion, the same was done on Munday the 4th of Novemb. newe stile, that is the 25 of Octob. ould stile in manner as followeth.

"First, after that the lords, the States, had attended his Majestie into the castle churche and brought him into St. Wentzeslawe's chappell, there they putt uppon his Majestie the regall robe, which was a longe white sattine or damaske gowne all over imbrodered with goulde; before went 40 preists, singeinge men and querresters in white surplices, then behinde them 7 other more principall preists in blewishe or violett cloakes with rich taffitie hatts of the same collar; after them followed the officers of the kingedome carryinge the jewells and ensignes belongeinge to the coronation, as namely, the hereditary Archbutler of the kingedome of Bohemia with a gilded silver tunne, the hereditarie Archeupberer with a silver

* In *Mercurie François* (vol. vi, p. 148) these names appear as follows:—Baron Bohuslau Burka, chief burgrave; Baron Guillaume Lobkovitz, "grand maître de la couronne"; Baron Jean de Tallenberg, Grand Chamberlain; Baron Venceslaus Guillaume de Ruppa, chief justice; Baron Paul de Ritschan, high chancellor; Baron Pierre de Seswenberg, grand "Lehnrichter"; Count Joachim André de Schlits [Schlick] chief burgrave of Carlstein; and "pour ceux d'entre la noblesse," the Sieurs Gaspard Kapler, chief secretary (greffier général du royaume); Procop d'Warsetschey, under-chamberlain; Bususlau (*sic*) de Micholavitz, under burgrave of Carlstein; and Henry Otto de Loss, burgrave of the circle of Gratz.

potte, and 2 others followinge of them, bearinge 2 gilded bowles; *Sir Hervey Bruce.* the[n] followed the Lord Highe Steward of the land with the scepter, the Lord Chiefe Justice of the kingedome with the regall ball, the Archburkgrave with the crowne, bearinge it in bothe his hands; after went the Heralde of the kingedome Bohemia in his coate of armes with a white staffe in his hand, then the hereditarie Lord High Marshall of the crowne of Bohemia with the regall electorall sworde in a red velvett sheathe, after whome immediatelie followed his Majestie bare-headed, havinge on the right hand the Lord Administrator of the Bohemian Protestant Colledge and on his left side another Bohemian preacher (who afterwards made the sermon), both of them attyred in blacke velvett gownes. These 2 brought his Majestie unto the alter, where they kneeled downe with him and prayed a while, and then goeinge backe from the alter, they sett his Majestie in a faire chaire of hayre-colored vellvett, who returneing to the alter, the Lord Administrator began to act and reade aloude certaine statutes of Lattine, which done, the trumpetts sounded a greate noise; after was begun to be sunge in Lattine *Veni Sancte Spiritus*, and thereuppon in the Bohemian tongue *God the Father dwell us by* was also sunge, a collect reade, and the preacher putt on his white surplice, went up into the pulpitt to preach in the Bohemian speech. After he had propounded the matter he was to treat of, and prayed, he stayed there till the people had sunge the 20th Psalme also in the Bohemian language; then he went on with his sermon, and yet in the meanwhile, betweene the partes thereof, were 3 severall times Bohemian hymnes sunge; the sermon beinge ended, the foresaid Lord Administrator went againe to the alter and did there in Lattine singe the Letany, which done, the trumpetts and musicke made a marveilous sweete melodie, which done, a chapter out of the Apostle Paule to Timothy was reade before the altar, and 2 Bohemian himnes sunge; this ended, the Lord Administrator, with the preacher, the Lord Chief Burgrave, the Lord Highe Steward and Lord Greate Chamberlaine of the land, attended his Majestie to the altar, where they all kneeled downe and prayed againe. Then they stoode up and, haveinge spoken unto his Majestie concerninge the accustomed oathe he was to take, the Lord Cheife Burgrave spake thrice alone unto the people to this effect: 'Seeing we are nowe aboute to crowne his Majestie, it is thought meete againe to admonishe you joyntlie to tell us freelie, whether it be your wills that we shall proceede on forwards and crowne his Majestie.' Whereuppon the people with a full and jointe consent cryed out amaine and said everie time, 'We will.' Then the Lord Cheife Burgrave held a booke unto his Majestie, whereon his Majestie haveinge laide his 2 fingers, the Lord Cheife Burgrave reade the accustomed oathe unto him in the Bohemian tongue, which his Majestie performed unto the Lords the States repeatinge every word of it after the Lord Cheife Burgrave. Then his Majestie kneeled downe before

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the altar, where the Lord Administrator stode before him, holdinge on the booke a gilded box, wherein was oyle, of which he tooke a little with one finger and anointed therewith his Majestie's foreheade, strekeinge it in forme of a crosse. This beinge done, the Lord High Marshall delivered the sword into the hands of the Lord Administrator, who tooke it and presentlie gave it to his Majestie, sayinge these wordes: *Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum Amen.*

"After this he delivered unto him, first the scepter, then the regall ball, put a red velvett cap upon his heade, and the Lord Administrator takeinge up the crowne in his hands, whereon the Lord Cheife Burgrave, the Lord Highe Steward of the land, the Lord Great Chamberlaine of the land, and the other preist or minister tooke holde, and so joyntlie sett the crowne uppon his Majestie's head in the name of the Holy and Blessed Indivisible Trinitie, and then [he] was by them all lifted up, attended to his chaire and sett therein with the crowne upon his heade and the ball and scepter in his hands. Now when all this was done then the Lord Cheife Burgrave said unto the Lords the States: 'My Lords, seeinge our gracious Kinge is already crowned, so are we nowe accordinge unto custome to sweare allegeance unto him and to the crowne and acknowledge him for our gracious Kinge and lord.' Hereupon the Lord Cheife Burgrave kissed the regall ball, his Majestie's right hand, touched the crowne with his 2 fingers, bowed himself before his Majestie, and so went aside, giveinge way. About an 100 persons did all the like. After this did the Lord Administratour with a loude voyce singe *Te Deum laudamus*. This followed the whole musicke, cornetts, saggebutts, trumpetts, kettledrummes; the bells in all three citties of Prague did ringe, 28 peeces of great ordinance made readie for the purpose were discharged, and the citizens and souldiers of the cittie, beinge 13 companies of foote and sundry cornetts of horse, discharged all theire ouer (*sic*).

"After that his Majestie had (sittinge in his coronation chaire) knighted 5 lords and 3 gentlemen, he rose and went thence attended with all the lords others to the records of the land, where also accordinge to auncient use and custome he sware to preserve and mainetaine them and subscribed unto all he was to subscribe unto. Where as his Majestie went and returned there were divers sorts of coynes of gould and silver throwne amongst the people, one of which had on the one side this inscription, *God and theire (sic) cuntries have given unto me this crowne*, and on the other side were 5 hands houldinge on a crowne, signifying the kingdome of Bohemia and the 4 incorporated cuntries. All alonge the streetes, and within the castle whereupon his Majestie rid and went to the records of the land, there was broade clothe spreade on the ground, which at his comeinge backe was all given for larges and made priz'd unto the people. At his comeinge backe into the castle dinner was made ready, where was one table of state prepared, whereat his Majestie sate in his regall robes

with the crowne on his heade, and the Queene with him. *Sir Hervey Bruce.* There were other tables besides furnished as whereat sate the abovesaid greate officers and the rest of the Lords the States, and the[n] 14 other free tables for strangers; within the castle court there were goodlie fountaines made, which untill night ran plentifullie with wine red and white free for all to take of that would. About the midst of dinner his Majestie, the crowne to be taken off, stode up and dranke unto the health of all the 3 states and Bohemia, and caused it to be drunke round aboute hall. In the interim betweene his Majestie's coronacion and the Queene's, his Majestie first confirmed all the officers and governours of the kingedome in their offices and governmentes, commaunding justice and government to goe on in the ordinarie due course as was meete and requisite. Then next perceivinge that the stewes and brothelhouses were there still in use and tollerated, and had their houses within the bullwarke round aboute the cittie, and withall a world of poore and needy people as well of able bodyes as aged, sicke and impotent, lyinge and standinge in the streets to the great dishonor of God and of religion, his Majestie both put downe the stewes presentlie and commaunded an hospitall and house of correccion to be forthwith builded; that so their aged, sicke and impotent might be sufficientlie relived and mainetained and the idle bodie to be put into gives and forced to worke and labour for their liveinge, that so both the cittie and the state might be eased and clensed of all such, as is his owne cuntry.

"The Queene's coronacion was on Thursday the 28th of October ould stile, in all respects like the Kinge's save that the sermon was in High Dutche and noe coyne cast aboute thereat."

NEWES from BOHEMIA.

113. [1619,] Nov.—“(1.) The Prince of Transilvania hath taken the citty of Presker [Pressburg], and hath cutt in two 200 souldiers.

“(2.) The Emperor Ferdinand lyeth at Mirstton, 8 leagues from Vienna, and feares least the Prince of Transilvania his army of 40,000 men will come to besiege him.

“(3.) The forces of Bohemia with those of Moravia, in all 1,200 men, have taken the citty of Horn and Garts [Krems?]. The Count Mansfeid hath taken Peyset [Pisek].

“(4.) The armes of the house of Austria are taken downe and the Palatine's set up.

“(5.) The revenues belonging to the ecclesiasticall jurisdiction in Bohemia are sequestred till further order be taken.

“(6.) The King of Spaine laboures for peace with the Turks that he may the better shew his strenth against the heretickes.

“(7.) The Emperor hath sent to the Palsgrave reasons to perswade him from accepting the crowne of Bohemia, signifying the mischeife that will grow thereby, and hath had answer to the full.

Sir Hervey Bruce. “(8.) The Palsgrave was crowned King of Bohemia the [x]xiiijth of Octobor and the Lady Elizabeth the next day followinge.

“(9.) The Emperor hath writt fower times to the Turks for ayde, who hath denied him.

“(10.) The Count Buckquoy is gone to the Emperor and hath shewed greater cruelty in goinge from Bohemia then hitherto he hath formerly done.

“(11.) Three kings mett at Norimbridge [Nürnberg] the fourteenth day of this month of November, the King of Denmarke, Swethland and Bohemia.

“(12.) The Jesuits hold a chapter at Roome, and Prince [*sic* Père] Cottom [Cotton] is gone thither from France.

“(13.) The Emperor hath sent for ayde to the French king.”

114. An ABSTRACT of that which the PRINCE TRANSILVANIA by his EMBASSADORS required of the States of Bohemia and the INCORPORATED COUNTRIES.

[1619, Nov.]—“(1.) *Inprimis* he desires that they would enter into an everlasting inviolable league with him.

“(2.) Not to enter into trecty of alliance with any potentate, especially with the house of Austria, open enemy to them both, without the foreknowledge.

“(3.) This warre against the house of Austria to be borne upon the common expence, and by God’s assistance so brought to an end.

“(4.) His Highnesse required of them, in regard hee at their request had put himselfe into the feild and the expence he had already beene at, an assistante of one hundred thousand gildares.

“(5.) The peace which the house of Austria had made with [the] Turke for 20 yeares should be sought to be made and confirmed as well on their part as those of Hungary, Bohemia and the incorporated countries.

“(6.) The land of Hungaria to be furnished with all manner of proviandes, mony and other necessities as tending to the good of all Christendome.

“(7.) Wherefore his Highnesse required for maintenance of Hungaria fronteers that those of Bohemia and the incorporated countries should yearly contribute 300 thousand gildars.

“(8.) His Highnesse, knowing that the Hungarians having thus long maintained warres against the Turke are thereby made so unable that the countrie of itself cannot withstand the Turke, therefore his Highnesse desired that at such times as the united forces came to dispossesse the house of Austria of their hereditary countries, then Austria, Styria, Carinthy and Crayn should be added to the crowne of Hungary.

“(9.) In case the Kinge of Poland in the name of Ferdinand should hastily attempt any thinge against his Highnesse, that then they should be obliged out of Siletia and elsewhere to oppose the Pole.

“(10.) In this point should be obleighed the King of Bohemia together with the incorporated countries. To the end his

Highnesse might be assured in all these poynts he desired that the foresayd assembled states would forthwith dispatch and sende over to his Highnesse letters of assurance and fidelity, and then the Lordes the States needed not to doubt but that his Highnesse would see shew himselfe in the defence of the country and in every thing els that they should have content therein.

*Sir Hervey
Bruce.*

"Touching these points there was delivered unto the Transilvania ambassadors for a resolution that for as much as the[y] were of importance and required a future deliberation, so that his royall Majestie nor the comitters for the country, whoe were not sufficiently therein authorized, especially for that the Romish Emperor was therein comprehended, without whose foreknowledge so present a resolution could not be given, his royal Majesty would not omit to propound the same at the approaching Assembly at Norrenbrugh [Nürnberg], and presently upon his returne to Prague, by an expresse embassy, give his Highnes of Transilvania a finall resolution upon them all, desiringe that in the meantime he could be pleased to have patience.

"Moreover, it is written from Prague the 18th of November, that the Kinge before his departure thence had commaunded that the brothell houses there should be put downe and in place therof set up an hospitall for the poore distressed people, and there make provision for them. The States went to license there people of war, to pay them, and to put them into oath unto his Majestie, over whome the Duke of Anhalt shall commaund as generall.

"The 14th present his Majestie with many lords of note set forward from Prague towards the Assembly at Norrenburgh.

"Understandinge from the legger that the Count of Hosenli [*sic* Hohenlohe] was sent unto Presburgh to the appointed Generall Assembly of the States of Hungaria therein, they enter in to treat with them till the returne of his royall Majesty to Prague concerning the required confederacie, and to make preparation thereunto if the Bohemian and Moravian army shall take their passage over the bridge at Presburgh and march on with Hungarian troupes to Vienna and there rest with the Count of Thurn to keepe the passage over the bridge at Vienna. In the meanwhile in Vienna is a pittifull lamentation having the enemy as well within as without, for as much as unpayd souldiers carried themselves as enimies unto them, stealinge and violently taking all they can, by the sicknesse so increasinge there that all the cloisters, hospitalls, barnes and burbers' howses are fild with sick and hurt souldiers of which daily dy a great number.

"That the Count of Bucquoi also in regard of his hurt received and sicknesse upon it is falne into an ill case.

"Written 22nd present from Norrenburgh [Nürnberg], that the Kinge of Bohemia was there royally received, it beinge there the first session holden by his Majesty together with the dukes and lords.

Sir Hervey Bruce. "Many dukes have excused theyr appearance there as well in respect of the commendations of the season as for other considerations, but sent the ambassadors well instructed.

"The Elector of Saxoni contrarily to his promise neither came nor sent, which caused some others also to doe the like ; his cosens Wyemar [Weimar] and Aldenburgh [Altenburg] appeared there.

"It is written also out of Dutchland that for as much as the German cavellery commaunded by Schaulisht were by the Venetians lycensed, they offered theyr service to the Kinge of Bohemia. It is thought they shall have good answeare, they being uppon there [way] towards Ausburgh [Augsburg]. The Count of Leuensteyn's [Loewenstein's] regiment also lycensed by the Venetians are kept back by force in Tyroll and serve Leopoldus Luxemburgh. A duke of Saxon, having received mony for levying new souldiers for the Emperor, would have those Bryerrn [Freiherrn] to levy many horses.

"The 8,000 men out of Italy are already come to Budensor [Botzen], and so to march through Tyroll and to pass the Danube to Passovia [Passau]. At Milliaine [Milan] also 2,000 well mounted horsemen, which were to follow with the first. And therby particular letters out of Italy that in Naples and at Milliaine new commissions are given out for leaveinge [*sic* levying] of horse and foote for the service of the Emperor, and that the Pope will pay 6,000 men for 6 monthes.

"From Bolonia I am advertised by letters of 26th past that the fronteers of the Paltz [Pfalz] are very well secured with souldiers, and for as much as there the spiretualltyes fearmes and rents were everywhere stopped the Bishopp of Mentz had with 1,500 musqueters fett (*sic*) in certaynes wines. At Mentz they had walled up all theyr ports except two uppon the Rhyne, and one into the land, fearing to be surprized of those of the Paltz, who already should have had an enterprize upon the towne of Binge[n], but fayled therin ; wherfore those of Mentz tooke in more people : while the temporall dukes and states should be assembled att Norrenburgh [Nürnberg] the spirituell should assemble at Witzbrugh [Würzburg], and there likewise make a faster union. At Collyn [Köln] were great levies made, as also at Duysildortp, Weesell, Martruct [Maastricht] in Lorrayne and elsewhere, all for the Duke of Bayeren. Those of Leege [Liège] would pay there consented souldiers, had also commaunded the whole country that whoe soe ever was able to discharge a peece should be armed."

AN EXTRACT of MANK (*sic*) DE PLESEENE.

115. 1619, Nov. 5 [o.s.]. Norrenburgh [Nürnberg].—"I make no question but that there Majestie have by this time sent from Prague an extreordenary and expert messenger for England, but howsoever you shall know by this the Kinge was crowned the 25th of October and the Queene the 28th according to the old accompt, and with such extreordinary applause and

universall contentment that the like was never in the memory of man : it is given me also to understand that there Majestie reception and enterance into Prague hath beene performed with such solemnity and magnificence that the like hath nere beene showne to any Emperor, or King of Bohemia. Tomorrow or the next day we expect our Kinge ; the Queene hath by her gentle and curteous behaviour wonne the hartes of all inhabitants therabout, but especially of ladies of that kin[g]dome, so that shee is generally beloved and honoured of all. Count Boucqui hath had a great overthrow by the Bohemians, Moravians and part of Transilvanians army by Vienna, and had a great losse both of men and munition ; he being hurt was driven to save himselfe by the Dambie (*sic*) bridge. Of all the circumstances hereafter, God willing, I will make you acquainted. The Prince of Transilvania is at Presburgh in Germany, to the intent he might be crowned. My Lord of Doncastar did depart from Vienna the 28th of October accordinge to the ould accompt, having had there 2 audiences by the Archduke of (*sic*) Leopold to give to the Emperor at Newstat or Grats [Gratz].”

*Sir Hervey
Bruce.*

EXTRACT of another LETTER from the same PLACE and DATE.

116. “Wee expect in this citty of Norrenburgh his Majesty of Bohemia our master for to assist in this assembly of princes and states Prodestants, and to advise towards the meanes of our conservation. By these forwards you shall understand of the hurt and losse of men which the Count Bucquoi hath suffered [at] Vienna. It is reported to amount [to] 4,000 men, and that the Count of Bucquoi as also, of the other side, the Count of Turn have beene wounded ; but the particuler circumstances are not as yet come unto our knowliges. No more can I assure of the number aforesayd. The Prince of Transilvania was to be crowned Kinge of Hungaria the first of this month, all the preparations being in redinesse, so that I make no doubt but that this coronation will also take effect.”

117. 1620 [N.S.], Jan. 10. The Hague.—“By letters from Vienna they confirme themperour’s beinge there, and that the camps of Bohemia and Hungarie are about yt, and that those of Moravia are retired towards Silesia to ly in places most commodious for service, when occasion shall require. In Austria are assembled greate numbers of people to oppose the insolencies of imperial souldyers. The Prince Bethlem Gabor hath taken the stronge towne of Odenburgh [Ödenburg], and put a good garrison therin as also other passages neere Vienna to hinder their provisions of victualls.

“The Emperour hath appointed the Duke Frederick [*sic* Henry] Julius of Lournburgh [*sic* Lauenburg]* to the Kinge of Denmarke for assistance, and as they reporte to treat of a

* Cf. Londorp, *Acta Publica*, vol. ii. 43.

Sir Hervey mariage betweene his imperiall Majestie and his sister wief to
Bruce. the dead Elector of Saxe. From Prague wee understande that after the Count Mansfeild had taken the towne of Pisacke [Pisek], the fortress of Cromau [Krumau] rendred, and that the garisons of Strachofittz [Strakonitz] and Rosenburgh [Rosenberg] fled, so that nowe there remaines nothing in Bohemia to bee gained but Budewis [Budweis].

"Within the house of the banished secretarie from Prague they have founde to the value of 19,000 dollors. Concerninge the battaile of Hungarie with the Polons they now reporte that the Polons had the victorie whilst the Hungarians were busie about the Polons' pillage.

"The senators of the states of Polon[ia] have publikly made protestacion against their kinge, and admonished him not to put himself into this warre of Bohemia but to keepe himselfe newtrall, as the house of Austria did when they had civell warres, otherwise that all the damage will redounde to the kinge and to those that are the cause of breakinge the antient alliance with the crowne and countreys incorporate of Bohemia.

"The yonge Prince of Saxe of Wimer [Weimar] shall marry the sister of the Kinge of Bohemia, uppon which alliance they speake diversly, because the sayd prince doth absolutely demande restitution as prince of the antiente house electorall of Saxe not only to the dignitie electorall, but also to the lands and goods of the cirkle of the fortresse of Gotha taken from his grandfather Frederick, Duke of Saxe, by Charles the Fift.

"Since the Elector that now ys, the Duke Johan George, hath taken the investure (*sic*) of the countrie Voytland [Voghtland] (beinge a fee of the crowne of Bohemia) of the Archdukes of Austria, which doth not belonge to them, of which they feare a great alteracion in Almaine betweene the two princes.

"The Duke of Brunswicke havinge now declared himselfe for the Protestante Princes of th'Union, as also his brother the yonge Duke of Brunswick, hath tendred his service to the States generall.

"The King of France hath accorded to themperour's ambassadour to sende him 20,000 souldiers, which the Duke Lewis ys to commande.

"The Prince of Vaudemounte, brother to the Duke of Lorraine, doth levy forces; the same also doth the Duke of Bulloyn [Bouillon], and the Marshall Digiers [Lesdiguières] for the service of the Kinge of Bohemia.

"The aliance betweene the States and the signorie of Venice ys concluded and sworne unto to assist one thother with their forces as well by sea as lande when occasion shall require.

"The Archdukes are returned to Brussills, where they made preparation through all Brabante, Flanders and Heynaulte by the Marques Spinola to levy foote and horse, and that their Highnesses are sendinge to the Hage ambassadours to prolonge the truce."

118. 1620 [N.S.], Jan. 24. The Hague.—“From Vienna by *Sir Hervey Bruce*.
lettres of the 30 past wee heare that themperour would departe shortly from thence to Gratz, and that a greate parte of his treasure was already sente to Wenstat [? Neustadt], and that Charles the Archbishopp, seconde brother to the Emperour, would returne from Polonia to Vienna to bee governor there, and that themperour's eldest son was deceased, also that thelector of Brandeburgh and the Duke of (*sic*) Ulrich, brother to the Kinge of Denmarke, was dead.

“From Prague of the 6 of January wee understand that the final confirmacion of the alliance betwixt his Majestie of Bohemia and the Kinge of Hungarie, which hath beene so longe wished for, was there published, and that the Prince Bethleem Gabor should bee crowned the 12th of this moneth, and then the word of God shall bee first preached in the colledge of the Jesuits, out of which they have caused to be taken all the images and superstitious monuments of the Papists, and after prayses given to God throughout all the churches triumphes shalbee made with the greate ordinance for this alliance. His Majestie ys about to sende an embassadour to congratulate theleccion of the new Kinge of Hungarie, who was chosen and proclaimed by the states of Hungarie, notwithstanding all the Emperour's protestacions delivered by his embassadours at Presbrough, where they have made greate preparation for the solemnizinge his coronacion the 12 of Januarie.

“The Kinge of Bohemia hath sente the said Prince of Transilvania the 100,000 garmen (*sic*) florens which were agreed in the last Assembly at Norenbrugh to bee payed to him yerely by the Princis of the Union.

“Wee heare by perticular lettres that the sicknes begins againe and that above 2,000 of the new souldiers of Italy are dead or slaine. The Count Buckquoy and [Du Val de] Dampier[re] do yet make excedinge greate spoyle in Austria insomuch that neither peasante nor lord can expecte anie profite [of] their lands this yeere fallinge.

“The 3 camps of Bohemia, Hungarie and Austria are againe met together neere Radeldrof [*sic* Rudelsdorf], which caused greate terroure to those of Vienna, insomuch that they raysed their greatest ordinance on the rampiers of the cittie for their defence.

“The Kinge hath determined to departe the twentieth of this moneth towards Selisia [Silesia], Moravia and Lusatia, there also to be received as their prince and lord, and in the frontiers of Lusatia ther is a meetinge appointed betwixt his Majestie and the Prince Elector of Saxony, who hath sente hither to the Kinge, certifieinge him, that hee desires nothinge more then a continuation of the aunciente alliance betwixt the house Palatine and that of Saxony. The Count Mansfeild ys named generall of the states of the gossell of Austria, and the yonge Prince of Anholt shall commande his regimente.

*Sir Hervey
Brucce.*

"The Duke of Bavaria hath declared himself to thembasadours of the Princes of the Union on condicion that the Romaine Catholicks bee not suppressed, nor anie other occation offered him to keepe himself newter.

"After the returne of the Kinge of Prague the baptisme of the yonge prince shalbee celebrated with all the royall ceremonies thereto appertayninge, and as yt ys said there shall bee nominated for gossipps the Lords of the states of Bohemia, Mauravia, Silesia and Lusatia, the new Kinge of Hungarie, and the Prince of Orange; at which time also the mariage betwixt the Princes (*sic*) of Weimar Saxon and the Kinge's sister shall bee solemnized.

"The States of Moravia have confiscated the goods of the ecclesiasticks to the value of 8 millions of dollers.

"The Count Thorne [Thurn] ys declared generall of Moravia, and the Prince Lewis Palatine, the kinge's brother, shall commande over his regimente.

"The Grison Switzers have sente to the Kinge of France to remonstrate unto him the reasons why their estate ys resolved not to admitte of henceforwarde anie ambassador from France or Spaine into their countrie, because of the devisions which the said ambassadours do continually practice to set betwixt them and the countries adjoininge.

"The Ambassador of Collogne and Archbishop of Leigers [*sic* Liège] arrived heere to excuse his maister to my lords the States Generall touching the great levies made by him as you shall heare by the next."

119. 1620 [N.S.], Jan. 28. The Hague.—"From Vienna yt ys confirmed that themperour ys arrived notwithstandinge the dangerouse estate of the said towne, aboute which the armies of Bohemia, Moravia and Hungarie have advanced even to the suburbs thereof, and made stronge the passages thereof in such sorte that none can either go in or out of yt. Themperour, findinge himself in this necessitie, complains much of Buckquoy to have abused him in beinge the cause of puttinge him into the hands of hereticks. A litle before th'arrivall of th'emperour th'archduke Leopold, his brother, wente from Vienna with some horse and musketts into Almaine to advance the assistance of men and money from Spaine and Italy. The Count Buckquoy hath retired into Vienna all the rest of his armie, about 6,000 and 13 companies of horse, usinge such insolencies to the inhabitants that none dare venture to goe out of their houses, where divers burgers have beene killed by the souldiers, to the which they peremtorily say, that in case they will not give them speedy satisfaccion, they will presently seeke meanes; for the peace and satisfaction of which they are in greate doubt.

"The Kinge of Bohemia beinge returned to Prague, rests himself till after Christmas, where hee prepares to celebrate the Holy Communion of the Lord's Supper in the royall chappell

of the castle of Prague, which was never done before, and then *Sir Hervey Bruce.* after his Majestie will go towards Silesia, Moravia and Lusatia, there to bee crowned, greate dangers beinge in delays; they have also discovered some powder treason, of which the author ys prisoner, and they seeke to make him confesse his confederates; some one hath shot a musket over against the chamber of Duke Lewis, brother to the Kinge of Bohemia, but th'author ys not yet taken.

"At Prague ther ys arrived thembassadour of the Cantons Gospellers of the Swissers, givinge to understande that they will hold good correspondence and amitie with the Kinge of Bohemia, and that they will not uppon their side suffer anie souldiers Emperialists to come forth out of Italy, and that also they have admonished the Grisson Canton to do the like, for the good affeccion they carrie to the same crowne and religion, and that they will not faile to make knowne to the Kinge of Bohemia that they wilbee readie to do their endevoures in all thinges to the hinderance of the common enemies, as far as ys possible.

"The Kinge of Denmark, Sweden, the States Generall of the United Provinces, the Haunce Townes, the princes and estates of Almaine Protestants, the Duke of Savoy, the Signorie of Venice have all presented their service and meanes to assiste the Kinge of Bohemia; and they hope that the Duke of Lorraine and princes of that house and of Gwise will also declare themselves for the Kinge of Bohemia.

"Embassadours are sente to the Duke of Saxon and Baviere and also th'ecclesiasticall Electors on the Kinge of Bohemia's behalf, and confederate princes, to have their declaration. The yonge Prince of Saxon, of th'anciente familie of Wymer [Weimar] shall marrie the sister of the Kinge of Bohemia.

"Since the takinge of Pisseth (*sic*) the Counte Mansfeld hath also taken by composition the fortresse of Cromau [Krumau], beinge neere the towne of Budicis [*sic* Budweis], where Sir Griffin Markham, an English knight, ys governour.

"The Estates Generall do dayly make levies and preparacions of warre uppon the borders of Cullaine [Köln], and have required and exhorted as good neighbours the bushopps Electors to dismisse their souldiers, and to keepe themselves in peace; otherwise they will take such a revenge uppon the disrespectivenesse uppon the bishops and country, and constraine them to pay 10 out of everie hundred of their revenues, and also to the Papists, yf they will not bee ruled.

"The Estates Generall have also sente to the towne of Leige to make reparacion to the Prince of Orrange of their false accusations done in that towne, and of their rigorous proceedings against those of their religion and their nation, or els they must sende to exequite yt uppon their goodes and territories of Leige.

"Th'ambassadour of Greate Brittain hath beene received and honored by the Estates of the Prince of Orrange in such sort as was never anie better.

Sir Hervey Bruce. "Our fleete of 17 greate shippes have sett saile 6 dayes since towards theast Indies.

"The fleete for the West Indies of 14 brave shippes of warre are departed from the Tessell, and shall finde what they have in charge when they come into the Atlanticke sea, that so their designe may bee kept secrett."

120. 1620 [N.S.], Feb. 7. The Hague.—"From Vienna the 12th past that th'emperour doth yet deferre his journey untill the returne of his ambassadours out of Hungarie, where they doubt they will effecte nothinge, for that they understande that the coronation of Bethem (*sic*) Gabor ys appointed the 19th of Januarie, notwithstanding; that th'emperour ys well contente that the said prince shall hold possession of the kingdome of Hungarie, and that hee will give him yerely a greate some of money onely t'assist th'emperour for the recoverie of Bohemia, but the said prince doth refuse all, havinge already sente 15,000 Hungarians for th'assistans of the states of High Austria, and hath adjorned to Presborough all the states Papists of Hungarie, who have so cruelly persecuted the Protestants, to dispossess them of their offices and dignities which they holde in the said kingdome. From the 20th past wee understande that the Prince Elector of Saxe hath verie kindly to the Kinge of Bohemia given him the title of Kinge, alledginge the reason why he hath beene so slowe hitherto, offeringe to his Majestie of Bohemia all his service and assistance, so that yt ys thought the said prince shalbee chosen godfather to the yonge Prince of Bohemia.

"Throughout all Bohemia they have forbidden all kinde of playes and maskinge, and commanded to bestowe everie day three howers in publique prayers, that God may blesse th'enterprises of his Majestie.

"The states of Bohemia and countries incorporate have commanded to sende 30,000 florines to the states of Hungaria accordinge to th'accorde, and for the strengthninge of his frontiers against the Turke.

"From Frankforde the 24th past they writt that th'armie of the Archbushoppes are marchinge towards the Bushoppe of Whittenburghe [Würzburg], and to meete them the Marques of Aurpalke [Ansbach], the Duke of Whittenburgh [Württemberg], the Lantgrave of Hesse, the Marques of Bayten [Baden-Durlach] and other princes of th'estate of th'Union of the Palatine are all in armes to cut off passages of the said forces and other enemies of the Kinge of Bohemia and his allies.

"The 28th past from Colloigne [Köln] we understand that they use all diligence for more levies the League Papists, which shall followe the forced forces towards Whittenburgh, that the states Protestants Carinthie have recalled their ministers and put them againe in their auncient places, beinge resolved to maintaine against the Emperour the preservacion of their liberties and conscience, for the which they have put themselves

in armes, makinge levies through all their countries of horse *Sir Hervey Bruce* and foote.

"From Brussels wee heare the Archduke levies newe regiments, for from Spaine they write the King's counsell, seeinge no apparance of prolonginge the truce with the States Generall, have taken resolucion to renewe the warre against them to thende they may have lesse meanes t'assist the Kinge of Bohemia. For our affaires, heere they do dayly and seriously treat of all busines; there are com'd hither divers colonells, commanders and captaines, and amongst others the Ritmasters Gaunt and Starknburgh, to have commission with their horse, to do some exployt against thenemie in their march to the Palatinate. The Marques of Ausparke [Ansbach] hath also levied a newe 1,000 curasses to serve the princes Protestants of Almaine.

"At the Texell ys now arrived a ship of East Indies richly laden, who hath brought the generall of the Indies, beinge uppon his way hitherto but five monethes, bringinge good newes that verie shortly there will bee more shippes follow.

"It ys confirmed that in the harbours of Argeirs and Thunis by tempest 34 shippes of the pirates are cast away.

"By the imprisonmente of the secretarie of Leiden there ys more and more discoveries of the Armenian [Arminian] affaires, and practices of Barnavelts and his complices for the which the prisoners, Grotius and Hogobirtus [Hoogerbeets] shalbee anew examined by torture."

121. [1620, spring.]—"The Princes and States United doe demaund assistance of his Majestie by vertue of the allyance; his Majestie doth refuse it for 2 reasons:—

"First, for that they are not yet assaulted; 2, for that they are noe more uppon the defensive.

"The Answer of they (*sic*) United:—

"To the first.—First, that they are assaulted, yea, throughly molested, in which case the allyance doth expressly promise assistance.

"(2.) For those of the Catholique League declare themselves towards them as enimies.

"(3.) That they have first taken armes, and are twice stronger then the United.

"(4.) They take in the strongest and moste advantagious passage uppon the Danube and other rivers.

"(5.) They threaten the citty of Ulme and drawe theire forces thitherwards.

"(6.) They are aboute to joyne and unite themselves from the Rhyne and the Danube, which if they do, as it is not impossible, the United are ruined in man's judgement.

"(7.) They make incursions already into the dominions of the Duke of Winterberge [Württemberg].

"(8.) They doe openly threaten the Palatinate.

"(9.) They sollicite at Rome the degradation of the Electorate Palatine in the person of the King of Bohemia, and at Vienna the

Sir Hervey Bruce. Emperor's banar, that is, proscription against him and against all the confederated states, that is, against all the states of the Union.

"(10.) They increase their forces from many places and namely with Polonians, mutined Hungarians, Turks and Tartares.

"(11.) They minister cause of feare by the newe levyes which are made of Bruxells, for which and others the Kinge of Spaine doth alreadye demaunde passage throughe Lorraine for ten thousand men.

"(12.) They doe lodge their forces in the frontiers of the United (to their greate damage) notwithstandinge their promise and assurance to the contrarie.

"(13.) They utterly refuse the accommodation sought for by the United unto the grievances in the Empire, for remedie whereof the Union is cheifely grounded, and thereupon his Majestie is invited and obliged expresslie without contradiction to the defensive.

"To the second.—The United are purely upon the defensive and in noe wise doe exceede the termes, *moderaminis inculcate tutelae*.

"(1.) For that they have given noe kinde of offence at all unto the Catholicks.

"(2.) They doe not oppose themselves against th'emperor.

"(3.) They permitt his forces to passe throughe their countries.

"(4.) And as concerninge the cause of Bohemia they affirme and protest constantly that they have had noe hand in it, as by their owne lettres they have written to his Majestie of Great Brittain.

"(5.) It is then to be concluded that henceforthe his Majestie is obliged, and cannot excuse himselfe any more, to send the fore-said assistance without further stay—yea, so much the more:—

"(1.) For that otherwise the United shal be to weake; shall by the example of his Majestie withdrawe themselves from the proteccion of the Palatinate; shal be driven to other moste prejudiciall counsellis; shall be in daunger to be disunited, dissolved and utterly ruined.

"(2.) For that the whole state of the true religion and the wellfare thereof in generall is therein interested and in extreame perill.

"(3.) His Majestie is thereunto speciallie and stricktly obliged by the law of nature, of the blood and affinitie so neare, and for the preservacion of th'infants, his deare grandchildren.

"(4.) It concerneth the royall reputacion.

"(5.) Yea, even conscience it selfe.

122. 1620.—Addresses of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge to James I. *Copies*.

123. 1621, April 22[–May 2].—Copy of Lord St. Albans' submission.

124. 1621-2.—Lines by Lady Mary Wrothe upon Edward, *Sir Hervey Bruce*.
Lord Denny and correspondence between them. *Copies*.

JOHN BEAUMONT to SIR GERVASE CLIFTON.

125. 1625, Nov. 18[–28]. Gracedieu.—Money matters.

126. 1625-6, [Feb.].—Letter of John Williams, Bishop of Lincoln, to the King, printed in *Cabala*, ed. 1691, p. 108.
Copy. Cf. *Cal. State Papers, Dom.*, 1625-6, p. 249.

WILLIAM [BARON] MAYNARD to GEORGE LONG.

127. 1630, Aug. 9[–19]. Eston.—As to a proposed lease of his [Maynard's] house in St. John's to Sir Gervase Clifton.

LADY CLIFTON to SIR GERVASE CLIFTON.

128. 1630, Oct. 17[–27]. Clifton.—“My son Clifton did come to London the last Tuesday, thanks be to God in very good health, only stays at Mr. Bowes his house to apparell him, to attend you, which he purposeth presently to do.

“He did not see Mr. Hobbs, but he is very well, and, as my son told him, intendeth to come down with him.

“My Lord of Exeter and my Lady set forward from London the 20th of this month, for that the sickness is so near them.”

BRYAN PALMES to THE SAME.

129. 1632, Oct. 17[–27]. Stapleford.—Excusing himself for apparent neglect of Sir Gervase.

LORD KEEPER COVENTRY to WILLIAM FULLER, CLERK.

130. 1632[–3], Feb. 7[–17].—Requiring Fuller as incumbent of Weston, in the diocese of York, to make discovery of his patron's title to the advowson. *Countersigned* by Wm. Noye, A. G.

THOMAS, VISCOUNT WENTWORTH to SIR GERVASE CLIFTON.

131. 1633[–4], Jan. 31[–Feb. 10]. Dublin.—“I impute unto myself as a great fault to have received and suffered your letters to lie thus long by me before I fall in hand some way or other to pay you those thanks and respects I owe you for them; it must be that goodness which ever dwells with you, and that truth of affection which must not be weakened in me, which give me hope to be even freely and rightly absolved in your belief from so foul a fault as to forget you towards whatsoever the importunity of my affairs may happen to be. And indeed I am not guilty; my heart tells me so in private and my actions shall proclaim it in public, both above denial. I am much bound to your pen, pains and memory, which all three you have been pleased to set so hard to work in the relation you are pleased to make me of the censure of Sir David Foulis in the Starchamber: and albeit I persuade

Sir Hervey Bruce. myself, having known me thus long, you do not hold me very unmerciful, yet I confess I cannot frame my heart as yet to pity that man that had so causelessly and malignantly past all bonds of civility and friendship towards me; and in good faith this being truly said is more than ever yet I could say in any other man's case, living or dead.

"However, I must needs still observe God's goodness towards me that still doth not only preserve me from my enemies, but turns their malice to my advantage, my very great advantage.

"I beseech you, let me hear as often from you as may without too much trouble to yourselfe, and be pleased to believe there is not another that loves you more truly than" &c.

SIR HARDOLPHE WASTENEYS to SIR GERVASE CLIFTON.

132. 1634, March 31[–April 10]. Headon.—Thanking him for his letter from Newmarket.

ELEANOR, LADY LASSELLS to THE SAME.

133. 1634, May.—Private matters.

134. 1634, July 15[–25].—Viscount Wentworth's speech to both Houses of Parliament in Ireland. *Copy.* See *Letters and Dispatches of Thomas, Earl of Strafford*, ed. Knowler, 1739, vol. i. 286–90.

GEORGE BUTLER to SIR GERVASE CLIFTON.

135. 1634, Oct. 25[–Nov. 4]. Ellerton.—"I am not unmindful of my promise made unto you at our last parting, which was to write unto you so soone as I returned out of Ireland.

"The cause that made me not to keep my word so punctually as otherwise I would have done was for that Mr. Palmes and Mr. Holland were to go from Chester directly to you and could very well relate unto you all things concerning our passage into Ireland, our entertainment there and our return from thence.

"There were some passages in the time of our being there betwixt my Lord Deputy and my Lord of Cork perhaps not known to them. I perceived at my first coming over some unkindness conceived by my Lord of Cork against the Lord Deputy for certain Church lands which his Lordship had called him in question for, as he had done my Lord Clanricarde and some other lords. It seems those lords upon the first call made restoration of those lands enjoyed by them to the Church again, but my Lord of Cork, it seems, was not so quick of hearing, whereupon he was called to the Council table, and there the business was debated publicly, which, it seems, did a little stir his Lordship, for his complaint to me was he had not been used formerly to be called to that place to have his business discussed. I asked his Lordship if he would give me leave to speak with my Lord Deputy in that particular,

which his Lordship was very desirous I should do. But when I came to debate it with my Lord Deputy, his Lordship grew very angry, and would needs send for my Lord Treasurer with all speed, that I might heare what complaints had come against his Lordship since my Lord Deputy's first coming to his government, and what his Lordship's carriage had been to my Lord Treasurer in every particular : which, when it came to be debated (Sir George Radcliffe and myself only being present, I must confess without partiality) I was very glad my Lord Deputy was able to acquit himself so well, for he charged my Lord there directly that there was never any business of what nature soever that concerned him but he first sent for him and advised his Lordship to take order privately, for that he conceived if it came to a public hearing it would be less for his honour, and as his Lordship told him, so they all proved. We at our breaking up parted all fair and well, my Lord Deputy having made a large expression how much he was tied to be a friend unto his Lordship in whatsoever he might with justice and honour in respect of that alliance he now had with that ancient and noble family which his Lordship said he loved above any in England.

*Sir Hervey
Bruce.*

"I found the means within a few days to bring my Lord Deputy to my Lord of Cork to dinner, where he never had been before. His Lordship was very nobly entertained and pretty merry, and thus my Lord Treasurer continued very well pleased till some two days before our coming away, and then his Lordship came to me with a fresh complaint of a business that troubled him much more than the former (and so I am afraid there is good cause) ; which was that his Lordship was served with a letter signed by his Lordship to appear upon an information put in by the King's attorney, which my Lord of Cork thought my Lord Deputy might have stayed or at least acquainted his Lordship with. Hereupon I brought them together again, at which meeting they both desired I should be present, but I besought them to excuse me for some reasons I will hereafter acquaint you with.

"I could hear my Lord Deputy say at parting, he would be glad to do his Lordship any service, but he would not take the fire out of another man's house and put it into his own ; and if I can calculate anything, this portends some great storm to come. My Lord Treasurer makes light of it, and hath promised to send me a copy of the Bill so soon as he hath it."

JOHN TAILOR to SIR GERVASE CLIFTON.

136. 1634, Nov. 9[-19]. London.—"I take the boldness upon me to trouble you with these lines, and withal to let your Worship know I sent your letters for Ireland by Mr. Railton's conveyance and wrote to Mr. Little to see them all delivered, which I dare say he will do.

"If I can this day meet with my Lord Clifford, as I hope I shall, I believe he will write also and tell you a passage, which

Sir Hervey Bruce. Mr. Comptroller acquainted his Lordship with, that had passed between the King and him in that particular touching Mr. Sucklin concerning yourself, which the Comptroller said he was to give you notice of from his Majesty, as I conceived.

"My Lord and Lady and their little daughter with their family are finely and well lodged at Darby House in Chanon Row and keep health well, thanks be to God. I do assure you my Lord Clifford is wonderful sensible of any thing he hears that may any way concern you.

"The disease of the small pox continues still, it increased 15 last week.

"I have heard little foreign news of late, to any great purpose; they are now entered into their winter quarter. You have heard, I suppose, of the young Infanta (*sic*) Cardinal of Spain his entry into Brussels with great state and solemnity lately, having passed through Germany after the great battle [Nördlingen]. They say the French buys and gets most of the towns which the Swedes held.

"I take it they are now begun again at their Parliament in Ireland. I heard the King signed and sent back all the Acts which my Lord Deputy had sent from thence hither to be signed here first and then to pass there."

WILLIAM CAVENDISH, EARL OF NEWCASTLE to [SIR GERVASE CLIFTON].

137. 1635, April 29[–May 9]. Welbeck. Containing only compliments.

ROBERT PIERREPOINT, EARL OF KINGSTON to THE SAME.

138. 1637, May 21[–31].—"I never held time so tedious as since I had the happiness to attend you last, and must therefore repine at mine hardship, that my frequent intentions since to waite of you hath been crossed, and still are likely to be so, not through my shoulders' pain (though unfeignedly grievous), for I would come to you, albeit dismembered of an arm and leg, but by reason of mine infortunate affairs, which multiply like Hydra heads, among which (and rightly a monster) I must account my being enforced to answer again Mr. William Copley's interrogatories, notwithstanding mine own conscience and the science of divers of exquisite judgment warranted the clarity and fullness of my last I made before you. I understand from London there is a mystery in this dealing with me: whatsoever it is, God willing, the juggler shall miss his aim.

"I hope, dear cousin, to find a good effect from a lamentable cause, the removing to Hodsock shortly from the violent contagion near you; then should I not doubt of your judicious advice concerning this and some other occasions of mine of great importance, and to have the honour and strength

of your taking mine answer to the said interrogatories once *Sir Hervey Bruce.* again.

“This bearer James Bayly desireth to be a foot post between England and Ireland, but hath not given me notice of his journey south Trent (which he intends to-morrow morning by three of the clock) until I was bed-ready, yet I know him so honest and faithful that, if you please to command a certificate to be drawn to his commendations in this way, I shall second you in the subscription and give you great thanks for him.”

SIR THOMAS HUTCHINSON to SIR GERVASE CLIFTON.

139. 1639[–40], Feb. 27[–March 8].—“Though I had been assured before, yet now I am most confident by this inclosed letter [missing] which I received this last night from my Lord of Kingston, that Sir John Byron in regard of his employment at Berwick is resolved to desist from further standing for knight of the shire, and I suppose that ere long you will receive a letter to that purpose from him, and since by this means, as I hope, you are altogether disengaged, if you would please so much further to engage me to you as to confer on me for the first place all those voices which you intended for Sir John Byron in the same, I shall esteem it as an especial favour, for since I was the man first named in the country for it, I should be unwilling to lose it, if I be put to contest about it.”

ALGERNON PERCY, EARL OF NORTHUMBERLAND to THE DEPUTY LIEUTENANTS OF THE COUNTY OF NOTTINGHAM.

140. 1640, June 10[–20]. Queen’s Street.—Directing the discharge of a man unlawfully impressed for military service.

SIR MATTHEW PALMER to SIR HARDOLPHE WASTENEYS and ANTHONY EYRE.

141. 1640, July 10[–20]. Southwell.—As to raising men and horses for the northern service. *Minuted* by Wasteneys, Eyre and Sir Francis Thornhagh.

MARY WILLIAMS to SIR GERVASE CLIFTON.

142. 1647, Dec. 2[–12].—Private affairs.

SIR JOHN WILLIAMS to THE SAME.

143. 1647, Dec. 2[–12]. King’s Bench.—Private affairs.

JOHN TASBURGH to THE SAME.

144. 1648, June 28[–July 8].—Private affairs.

THE SAME to THE SAME.

145. 1648, July 25[–Aug. 4]. Greenwich.—Private affairs.

*Sir Hervey
Bruce.*

JOHN TASBURGH to SIR GERVASE CLIFTON.

146. 1648, Aug. 8[-18].—Private affairs.

THE COMMITTEE FOR COMPOUNDING to THE COMMITTEES AND
SEQUESTATORS FOR THE COUNTIES OF NOTTINGHAM,
YORK, &c.

147. 1649[-50], Jan. 12[-22]. Westminster.—Order for the
discharge of Sir Gervase Clifton's estates from sequestration.
Signed: John Ashe, John Bouchier, Edward Ashe, Peter
Temple, Godfrey Bosseville, William Allenson, D. Watkins,
John Leech.

THE MANUSCRIPTS
OF
THE EARL OF ESSEX.
PRESERVED AT
CASSIOBURY PARK, WATFORD.

INTRODUCTION.

The documents dealt with in the following Report have been selected from the collection of the Earl of Essex preserved at Cassiobury Park. They have been arranged in two sections :—

I. Manorial documents and early deeds and papers, chiefly relating to the various estates of the Capells in Hertfordshire, Essex, Norfolk and other counties.

II. Miscellaneous documents, arranged chronologically.

The manorial documents—court rolls, account rolls, rentals, extents, surveys etc.—which form the great bulk of the collection, date from the reign of Edward I., and have been arranged as far as possible in counties, under the headings of the various manors to which they belong. None of them relate to any estates held by the Capells prior to the time of Sir William, the famous London merchant and second founder of his family. His first appearance in the court rolls is in June, 1485, when the manor of Porters Hall, in Stebbing, belonged to him and his cofeoffees (*p.* 312). It had been purchased by him a few years earlier, in 22 Edward IV. Save in a few cases, only such information has been extracted as might be of value in tracing the descents of the several manors.

The number of early deeds is considerable, and a good many of the thirteenth century are comprised among them. All have been examined and arranged in counties under the parishes to which they relate, and, in the case of those which are of more interest than mere grants of land, short abstracts of their contents have been given. All Seals of Arms have been described.

There are, however, three charters of a much earlier date which call for special notice. These, which all relate to Stebbing, in Essex, will be found printed *in extenso* on *pp.* 310–312. The first, a very early instance of a dated charter, is a grant of all his land of Stebbing made September 26, 1139, by Robert ‘Comes de Notingham.’ Now,

Earl of Robert Ferrers, second Earl of Derby, whose father, Robert
Essex. the first Earl, died in this year, is known to have sometimes styled himself 'Comes junior de Notingham,' an expression which has given rise to some speculation. There seems, however, to be no record (apart from this charter, if such it be) of his having ever omitted the 'junior,' and the absence of the word here suggests the possibility of its being his father who made this charter, a month or so before his death. Had the latter ever styled himself 'Comes de Notingham,' the description 'Comes junior de Notingham' in the case of his son would be more intelligible; there are, however, no records to shew that he ever did do so. Moreover, the language used in the two other charters, both somewhat later, though undated, and relating to the same estate as the first, when compared with that employed in the first, certainly suggests that their author, Robert, second Earl of Derby, 'Comes de Ferrariis,' was the same man as the author of the first; and this is probably the case.

These two later charters are of great interest owing to the fact that in both of them mention is made of the Earl's wife, Margaret. It has always been supposed that one of the first three Earls of Derby married Margaret, daughter and heiress of William Peverel, but up till now nothing has been found to shew which, if any, of them did in fact do so. That the first and third Earls were known to have had wives named respectively Hawise and Sibyl made it appear probable that the Peverel heiress was the wife of the second Earl. These charters, by proving that the second Earl had in fact a wife named Margaret, afford valuable corroboration, which, even in the absence of any direct evidence as to her parentage, may almost be taken to have decided the matter. The subject cannot be further discussed here, but it is interesting to notice, in view of the fact that in early times the two manors in Stebbing were held one by the family of Ferrers and the other by that of Peverel, that the estate there with which these charters deal was stated to be the dower of the Countess Margaret. It does not, however, seem possible, looking at the charters, to support the tempting argument that the estate was her dower in the sense of her paternal marriage portion; everything indeed points to its having been the Earl's own estate which had been granted by him as dower to his Countess.

Another early deed is of interest, being a grant of land in the year 1341, by John Capel, of Peddington, in Gloucestershire (p. 331). It is probable, however, that this man was not a member of the family of Capell of Stoke by Nayland, in Suffolk, from which the Earls of Essex are descended, but one of the Capells of How Caple, in Herefordshire, a quite distinct family. It is an isolated deed, the presence of which in this collection is probably accidental.

On p. 332 will be found extracts from the accounts of the receiver of William, Lord Ferrers de Groby, relating to

the marriage, in the summer of 1427, of Margaret Ferrers, in all probability his daughter, and Richard, Lord Grey de Wilton. It has been supposed that such a marriage took place, but there appears to have been hitherto nothing to prove it. They relate also to the marriage of Edward, younger son of Lord Grey de Ruthyn, with Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Henry Ferrers (then deceased), the only son of Lord William. Upon the death of his wife's grandfather Sir Edward Grey became in her right Lord Ferrers de Groby. He died in 1457, and his widow then married (as his first wife) Sir John Bouchier, who, as appears from the Stebbing court rolls of 19-22 Edward IV. (p. 309), styled himself Lord Ferrers de Groby. The fact that his wife Elizabeth is mentioned in these rolls does not prove that the Ferrers heiress was still living then, as Sir John's second wife was also named Elizabeth.*

The documents comprised in Section II. are of a very miscellaneous character. One of very considerable interest is a deed made in June, 1322, three months after the death of Humphrey de Bohun, Earl of Hereford, containing an inventory of armour and other goods belonging to him in the Castle of Pleshey (p. 333). These were handed over by Sir Nicholas de la Beche, kt., late constable of the castle, to John le Porter, of Stebbing, probably on behalf of the Crown, the Earl having fallen fighting for the rebels at Boroughbridge. This deed should be compared with an inventory of the same Earl's goods at Walden Abbey, made a few days after his death, extracts from which are printed, together with his will, in *The Archæological Journal*, II., 339.

The Valor of Peterborough Monastery, made in 31 Henry VIII., and noticed at p. 335, is also an important document, being no doubt the original minister's account made after the Dissolution. What should have brought it into this collection it is not easy to see.

Practically the only correspondence of interest among the papers is the long news-letter of Sir Richard Morrison, Ambassador to the Emperor Charles V. of Germany, addressed to the Privy Council from Augsburg (p. 336). It is unsigned and seems never to have been sent; its proper place would be among other letters of his in the *Calendar of State Papers, Foreign*, 1547-1553, p. 220.

A good many early papers relating to the sequestration of Lord Capell's estates were found, and the more interesting of these have been abstracted (p. 344). From them appear the names of some of the members of one or two of the earlier county committees.

The only other document which calls for special attention is the list of the Danish nobility, with their territorial qualifications and employments, which will be found at p. 347. It was probably compiled for Arthur Capell, first Earl of Essex,

* See her will, made and proved in 1498—Sir N. H. Nicolas, *Testamenta Vetusta* II. 436.

*Earl of who went as Ambassador to Copenhagen in the year 1669 ;
Essex.* it may be found useful for purposes of identification.

JOHN HARLEY.

I.—MANORIAL DOCUMENTS, ETC.

HERTFORDSHIRE.

WALKERN.

Court Rolls ; courts baron and leet for the years :—

Edward II. 17—Henry IV. 14 (save a few odd years).

19 Edward II. was the court of Lord Robert de Morley, as was 17 Edward III., 5 Edward III. being a 'first court,' though of whom is not stated. 34 Edward III. was the first of William de Morley, son of Lord Robert, and 5 Richard II. was the court of Thomas, Lord Morley. On July 20, 1407, Sir Miles de Stapleton, kt., Sir Simon Felbridge, kt., and William Rees held their first court, while five days later was the first of Thomas, Lord Morley and Anne his wife. A court in the following year was held by the farmer, William Edward.

Henry V. 1, 5–8. 5 was the court of Lady Anne Morley.

Henry VI. 4.

Edward IV. 22. Drafts for 14, 16, 17.

Edward V. 1.

Richard III. 1.

Henry VII. 1, 2, 4, 6, 10–12, 19, 21–23 (drafts). 21 was the court of John Howden, Edmund Burton, and John

Barfotte, clerk, and 22 that of Sir William Capell, kt.

Henry VIII. 1–7, 16–18, 23–38 (drafts).

Edward VI. 2, 3, 5, 6 (drafts).

Philip and Mary, 1 and 2, 2 and 3.

Elizabeth, 2, 4, 6, 7, 20, 21, 30–41, 43. Drafts for 1, 2, 4, 6–8, 10, 32–40. 1 was the first court of Edward Capell, 20 the first of Henry Capell, and 31 the first of Arthur Capell.

James I. 1—Charles I. 15. 9 Charles I. was the first of Arthur Capell.

Charles II. 6, 7, 22–36.

James II. 1.*

George II. 29 (draft).

Bailiffs' Account Rolls ; Edward II. Mich. 18—Mich. 19 ; Edward III. Mich. 32—Mich. 33 ; Richard II. Mich. 14—Mich. 15. Another, with the date torn off, probably of this reign.

Account Rolls of Farmer and Keepers of Pasturage in the Park ; Henry VI. Mich. 6—Mich. 7, Mich. 10—Mich. 11. These rolls contain also the farmer's accounts for the manor of *Hallingbury in Essex*, for the same years, and also that ending Mich. 8 Henry VI. Thomas, Lord Morley owned both manors.

* And see p. 317.

Receiver's Account Roll,* Henry VIII. Mich. 24—Mich. 25. *Earl of
Essex.*
Woodwards' Accounts; a bundle, 1590–1639. In 1611 the number of deer in the park was 598, of which 85 were soors and sorrels, 27 prickets, and 486 'raskall' deer (*i.e.* lean, young and not yet antlered).

Rentals ;† made in the years 1604, 1613 (paper rolls), 1618 (parchment roll), 1654 (paper book). Also yearly or half-yearly rentals for various years from 3 Henry VIII. to 7 Edward VI.

Extent of the lease lands, made 24 Henry VIII (draft).

Survey of the manor, made 1565 (paper roll).

Deeds relating to the Manor :—

1546, October 31.—Lease of the manor, for 21 years at *4l. p. a.*, by Sir Henry Capell, kt., and Anne his wife, to John Humberston.

1574, September 2.—Grant by the Earl of Essex to Richard Broughton of one buck and one doe yearly out of Sir Edward Capell's park at Walkern, due to the Earl of right and inheritance. *Copy.*

From the court rolls and other of the above documents it appears that the *Manor of Datchworth* was held of the lords of Walkern by military service and the annual rent of a pair of gilt spurs or 6*d.*‡ In March, 1325, William Bacon was lord of Datchworth, but two months later it was owned by Henry Melkesop. At a court held July 20, 1334, it was ordered that Henry Melkesop should be distrained for homage and fealty and for 20*s.* in arrear from the last payment of scutage, also for 50*s.* relief payable on the death of his father in respect of his half knight's fee in Datchworth. In 7 Richard II. the half fee belonged to Walter atte Lee. At a court held November 20, 1514, it was presented that the lord of Datchworth held the manor for the rent of a pair of spurs or 6*d.*, which he had withheld and refused for 8 years. Two years later a year's rent was paid by Richard Bigge, and in 18 Henry VIII. the manor belonged to Sir William Say, kt. By 1540 it had passed to the family of Saunders, Richard Saunders owning it in 1544. In 1592 Thomas Foster succeeded to it on the death of his father Richard. In 1617, after the death of Thomas, his son Thomas acknowledged that he held the manor of the lord of Walkern for military service and the rent of a pair of gilt spurs or 6*d.*, and he did fealty and paid relief. He sold the manor in 1621 or 1622 to John Gammon, clerk, who, dying in 1628, was succeeded by his son John, at whose death, eight years later, it passed to his younger brother Richard. In 1654 Richard paid 5*d.* rent for his manor, the other 1*d.* being paid by Richard Rudd, to whom he had alienated part of the demesnes.

* And see p. 317.

† And see p. 328.

‡ This tenure is not mentioned by Chauncey, Clutterbuck or Cussans. Very little seems to be known as to the descent of the manor.

Earl of
Essex.

CASHIO.

Court Rolls ; Courts baron for the undermentioned years. The majority of those of the following courts which are prior to the date of the surrender of St. Alban's Monastery will be found also at p. 306, having been entered upon the rolls mentioned there along with the courts of many other manors which belonged to the monastery. It has been thought better to include them in the following list also, in order that it may be complete.

Edward III. 22.

Richard II. 18.

Henry VI. 4, 5, 11, 12, 14, 15, 18, 23, 26, 28, 32, 35, 37.

Richard III. 1.

Henry VII. 1-3, 5, 10-12, 19 (end of court only). Also draft for 19.

Henry VIII. 3, 7, 9-15, 20 (a fragment), 22, 23, 25-27, 31, 33, 35, 38. Drafts for 25-30, 33, 34, 36, 37. 27 was the court of the King, following the surrender of St. Alban's Monastery. 38 was the first court of Sir Richard Morrison, kt.

Edward VI. 1-7. Drafts for 1, 4, 7.

Mary, 1, with a draft for 1.

Philip and Mary, 1 and 2, 3 and 4. Draft for 1 and 2.

Elizabeth, 1, 12 (end of court only), 13, 14, 24-29, 31, 34, 35, 42, 44. Drafts for 1, 4-8, 13.

James I. 2, 4-8, 10, 11, 13, 16, 18, 20-22.

Charles I. 1, 5-24 (save one or two) ; with the court papers (*i.e.* minutes, presentments, surrenders etc.) for some of these years, and a draft for 23.

Charles II. 2-38, with the court papers for 8, 9, 11.

James II. 1.*

George II.† 6—George III. 1 ; in the court book.

Extent of the manor, made in 1332 ; 13 pages of parchment.

Survey of the manor, made in 1557 ; a paper roll.

Rentals.‡ One, of the free and customary tenants in Watford, made 37 Henry VIII. (a paper roll, wrongly endorsed, 'Watford Manor Rental'). Two others, of Watford town, with the hamlets of Cashio, Oxhey and Leavesden, for the years ending Mich. 1584 (a small parchment roll, endorsed, 'An Almanacke'), and Mich. 1667.

Bailiffs' Account Rolls ; for the years 32 and 37 Henry VIII (John, Lord Russell, bailiff). The former is headed, 'Manor of Cayssoo et Watford cum membris,' and is endorsed, 'Accompt for the manor of Cashio and Watford.'

'*The Corn Book for Cashio and Watford Parsonage*, 1611.' Twenty-three pages, containing a detailed account of all corn reaped, threshed, received into, and sent or sold out from, the garner.

* And see p. 317.

† And see p. 304.

‡ And see p. 328.

Books of Agreements for Commutation of Tithes in Oxhey, Earl of Cashio and Leavesden hamlets, 1664–1669. *Essex.*

Account Book of the Farm Bailiff, 1758–1760. Among the entries are the following :—

1758, April 10.—‘To Mrs. Thornton, for nursing of the small pox at Rows Barn,’ 1*l.* 8*s.*

April 14.—To Mary Webb, for the same, 1*l.* 10*s.*

April 17.—‘To Mrs. Packer, bill of the use of the small pox,’ 3*l.* 10*s.* 7½*d.* ‘To the Mr. Binyon is bill’ for the same, 2*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.*

WATFORD.

Court Rolls ; courts leet held there for the undermentioned years ; comprising the tithings of Watford, Cashio, Sarratt, Grovehyde, Oxhey, Leavesden and (prior to Henry VII.) Garston and Meriden. The majority of these will be found also at *p.* 306, for the same reason as that stated above in connexion with the Cashio rolls.

Richard II. 18, 22.

Henry VI. 4, 5, 11, 12, 14, 18, 23, 26, 28, 35–37.

Henry VII. 22, 23.

Henry VIII. 1, 6–12, 17–24, 33–35, and draft for 36.

Also the court papers (*i.e.* minutes, presentments, surrenders etc.) for 34.

Courts baron and leet for the years :—

Edward VI. 2 (draft).

Mary, 1 (draft).

Philip and Mary, 1 and 2 (draft). Entitled, ‘Manor of Watford *cum* Caysho *cum* membris.’

Elizabeth, 2, 11, 13, 36–40 (with similar courts for *Rickmansworth*, 11 and 12). Extracts for various years from 20 Elizabeth to 12 Charles II., and the court papers from 6 James I. to 4 Charles I. 8 James I. was the first court of the Lord Chancellor, Thomas, Lord Ellesmere, the subsequent courts being held by his descendants.

Charles I. 6, 7, 10, 12–15, 18, 22 (drafts). The court papers for 17 and 19.

Charles II. 2, 4, 7–10, 14–22 (drafts).

William III. 9. Also the court papers from 9 William III. to 5 George III.

Anne, 10–13, with draft for 11.

George I. 1–13.

George II.* 1–5, 22 (court baron only for 22).

It is noticeable that the manor was *temp.* Charles I. called ‘the manor of Watford *cum* Sarratt,’ and from 4 Charles II. onward ‘the manor of Watford *cum* membris,’ or ‘Watford’ simply. There are some notes *temp.* Charles I. to the effect that Sarratt manor had always been a member of Watford.

* And see *p.* 304.

Earl of Essex. Bailiffs' Accounts and Surveys. A book of 15 pages containing the bailiff's accounts of the manor, copied from the ministers' accounts of the possessions of St. Alban's Monastery made 37 Henry VIII., together with the copy of a survey of the manor made by royal commission in 1556. Another book of 20 pages, containing a survey of the manor made in 1605, also by royal commission.

Rentals of the manor. One made in 1609 (a paper roll). Also the annual rentals (comprising also the *Rectory of Edlesborough, co. Buckingham*), 1711-1716.

Papers relating to the purchase of the manor in 1609 by Lord Ellesmere from the Crown, with Richard Cartwright's accounts in connexion therewith.

Papers relating to the tolls of the market, sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

CASHIO and WATFORD.

Presentment Book for the Manors ; 1732-1761.

PARK in ST. STEPHENS.

Court Rolls. Some of the earlier courts will be found also at p. 306, for the same reason as that stated above in connexion with the Cashio rolls.

Courts baron for the years :—

Edward III. 22 (held at Sopwell).

Henry VI. 5, 11, 15, 33.

Court leet, for the tithings of Elstree, Weldhide, Rothide, Hunthide, Apshide, Harpesfieldhide and Park and Sleaf, for the year :—

Richard II. 21.

Both courts held together, for the years :—

Henry VI. 23, 32.

Edward IV. 16.

Henry VIII. 3-23 (save one or two), 35, 36. On the same sheet with 35 and 36 is the court baron for the manor of *Bramfield*, held 34 Henry VIII., being the first court of Anthony Denny.

Elizabeth, 1-5, 7-9, 12, 17-19, 30-32, 45. 3 was the first court of Henry Denny, while 30 and 31 were the courts of the Queen during the minority of Edward Denny. 45 was the court of Edward, Lord Denny.

James I. 2-12, 17-22. 5 was the court of Robert Briscoe, and 6 that of Sir Charles Morrison, kt.

Charles I. 1, 7, 20-23 (in the court book). Also the court papers (*i.e.* minutes, presentments, surrenders etc.) for 9, 11, 14, 16-18.

Charles II. 9, with the court papers for 2, 5-10.*

* And see p. 317.

Anne, 4, 6, 7 (drafts), with the court papers for 3, 5, 6. *Earl of Essex.*
 George II. 29—George III. 12 (in the court book).
Extent of the manor, made in 1331; 18 pages of parchment.
*Rental** of the manor [early eighteenth century]; a small paper roll.

BUSHEY.

Court Rolls; Courts baron and leet for the years:—

Henry VIII. 2, 9, 22, 31–33, 36–38. Drafts for 15 and 17.
 2, 9 and 22 were the courts of Margaret, Countess of Salisbury. 31 was the first court of the King.

Edward VI. 1, 3, 4. Courts of the King.

Elizabeth, 2, 8, 10, 12, 13, 17–29. 13 was the court of Andrew Jenner, 17–21 were those of Robert Blackwell, and 22–25 those of his widow Joan.

James I. 20—Charles II. 3.† These, with 26–29 Elizabeth, were the joint courts of the several owners (see *Clutterbuck*, I. 334).

Courts baron only for the years:—

William III. 7–9, 13. These and the following courts were for the third of the manor owned by the Earls of Essex.

Anne, 3, 4, 9–13. Drafts for 4 and 5.

George I. 2–4, 6, 8–11.

George II. 1–4.

Roll of the Quit Rents for one year, due Lady Day, 1684.

*Rental** of the manor; early eighteenth century; a small paper roll.

LITTLE HADHAM.†

Court Rolls of the manor [of *Hadham Hall*]. Courts baron for the years:—

Elizabeth, 32, 34, 38, 39 (drafts). Courts of Arthur Capell.

Charles II. 6.

William III.† 10 (draft).

Anne, 3, 6 (drafts).

THE POSSESSIONS OF ST. ALBAN'S MONASTERY.

Court Rolls for various manors, nearly all in Hertfordshire. These consist of a number of parchment rolls upon which the courts are entered consecutively. Incorrect tying together of individual sheets has, however, caused a good deal of confusion. Those held for *Watford*, *Cashio* and *Park* will also be found above under the separate headings for those manors. The courts are as follows:—

* And see p. 328.

† And see p. 317.

‡ And see p. 328 for Rentals.

Earl of
Essex.

- Chipping Barnet*.—Court leet : Richard II. 22. Courts baron : Henry VI. 4 (part only), 5 (ditto), 12 (ditto), 37, Edward IV. 16. Both courts held together : Henry VI. 36, Richard III. 1 (part only).
- East Barnet*.—Courts baron : Henry VI. 4 (part only), 5, 12.
- Aldenham*.—Courts leet : Richard II. 18, 22.
- Watford*.—Courts leet, for the tithings of Cashio, Watford, Grovehide, Sarratt, Oxhey Richard, Oxhey Walrond and Garston and Meriden : Richard II. 18, 22, Henry VI. 4, 5, 11, 12, 14, 18, 23, 26, 28, 35–37.
- Cashio*.—Courts baron : Edward III. 22, Richard II. 18, Henry VI. 4, 5, 11, 12, 14, 15, 18, 23, 26, 28, 32, 35, 37, Richard III. 1, Henry VII. 1–3, 5, 10–12, 19 (end of court only), Henry VIII. 3, 7, 9–15, 22, 31 (the king was lord in 31).
- Rickmansworth*.—Courts leet, for the tithings of Micklefield and Croxley, Rickmansworth and Batchworth, Danielhide, Bretwelhide, Wodewikhide, and Blakethide : Richard II. 18, 21. Court baron : Henry VI. 15. Both courts held together : Henry VI. 5, 11, 36.
- Pinfield (in Rickmansworth)*.—Court baron : Henry VI. 36.
- Croxley*.—Courts baron : Edward III. 22, Henry VI. 4 (held at Parkbury), 5, 11, 12, 36, Henry VIII. 3.
- Oxhey*.—Courts baron : Edward III. 22 (held at Croxley), Richard II. 18 (entitled 'Oxhey Walrond'), Henry VI. 4, 5, 11, 12, 37 (entitled 'Oxhey and Wythgyn Hall').
- Sarratt*.—Courts baron : Edward III. 22 (held at Cashio), Henry VI. 5, 11, 12, 26, 28, 36.
- Abbots Langley*.—Court leet : Richard II. 21. Courts leet and baron held together : Henry VI. 5 (end of court only), 11, 12, 18, 23, 26, 37, Edward IV. 16.
- Westwick (in St. Michaels)*.—Court baron : Henry VI. 5.
- Park (in St. Stephens)*.—Courts baron : Edward III. 22 (held at Sopwell), Henry VI. 5, 11, 15, 33. Court leet, for the tithings of Elstree, Weldhide, Rothide, Hunt-hide, Apshide, Harpesfieldhide and Park and Sleap : Richard II. 21. Both courts held together : Henry VI. 23, 32, Edward IV. 16.
- Boreham*.—Courts baron : Henry VI. 4, 5, 11 (all held at Parkbury), 23, 32.
- Tittenhanger*.—Courts baron : Edward III. 22, Henry VI. 15. Court leet : Richard II. 21. Both courts held together : Henry VI. 4, 5, 11, 12, 26, 32, 36.
- Northaw*.—Courts baron : Edward III. 22, Henry VI. 33, 37. Courts baron and leet held together : Henry VI. 4, 5, 11, 12, 26, 32, 35, 36.
- Sandridge*.—Court baron : Edward III. 22. Court leet, for the tithings of Bridelhide, Paslewhite, and Thebriggehide : Richard II. 21. Both courts held together : Henry VI. 5, 12, 14, 32, 36, 37.

- Bramfield*.—Court baron : Edward III. 22. Courts baron *Earl of*
and leet held together : Henry VI, 5, 11, 12, 26, 36, *Essex*.
Henry VII. 1, 2, 5.
- Codicote*.—Court leet : Richard II. 21. Courts baron :
Henry VI. 5, 37. Both courts held together :
Henry VI. 4, 11, 12, 36, Henry VII. 1, 3.
- [*St. Paul's*,] *Walden*.—Court leet : Richard II. 21. Courts
leet and baron held together : Henry VI. 4, 5, 11,
12, 36.
- Hexton*.—Courts baron : Edward III. 22, Henry VI. 37.
Court leet : Richard II. 21. Both courts held together :
Henry VI. 4, 5, 11, 12, 36.
- Norton*.—Court baron : Edward III. 22. Courts baron
and leet held together : Henry VI. 4, 5, 11, 12, 36.
- Radwell*.—Court baron : Henry VI. 36.
- Newnham*.—Court baron : Edward III. 22. Court leet :
Richard II. 21. Both courts held together : Henry VI.
4, 5, 11, 12, 36.
- Caldecote*.—Courts leet and baron held together : Henry VI.
4, 5, 11, 12, 36, Henry VII. 1, 3, 5.
- Stanmore* (co. *Middlesex*).—Court leet : Richard II. 22.
- Grandborough* (co. *Buckingham*).—Court baron : Henry VI.
4 (part only).
- Winslow* (ditto).—Court baron : Edward III. 22.
- Little Horwood* (ditto).—Court baron : Henry VI. 4 (part
only).

EARLY DEEDS RELATING TO LAND IN HERTFORDSHIRE.

Much Hadham.—One *temp.* Edward III.

Little Hadham.—Thirteen undated [*temp.* Edward I.]; one
temp. Edward I.; one *temp.* Edward II.; twelve *temp.*
Edward III.; four *temp.* Richard II. (of which one was a
grant March 12, 1387 by Katherine Hempstede, Prioress of
Rowney* (Ruhenheye), of land there); two *temp.* Henry IV.;
four *temp.* Henry VI. To one, a grant by Geoffrey atte
Hacche and William atte Thorne, 22 May 1369, are appended
two Seals, the first a *Seal of Arms*—4 bars *nebuly*; the legend
defaced.

Bishop Stortford.—Five *temp.* Richard II.; one *temp.*
Henry VI. The following may be noticed†:—(i) 1386,
March 27.—Grant by Thomas Kenyngton. *Exceedingly fine*
little Seal of Arms—a cross *botonée*. S' GUIL' DE SAINT
DEZIER. (ii) 1387, Dec. 8.—Grant by Bartholomew Kere
and John Grigge, chaplain, with the king's licence, to Robert
Braybrook, Bishop of London, of 3 quarters of corn annual
rent from their two fields called 'Redynge' and 'Bucmongere-
croft,' in aid of the sustenance of the prisoners for the time

* Not mentioned by Dugdale.

† From another it appears that Richard Grenefeld was parson of the
church of Corringham, co. Essex, in Feb. 1423-4.

Earl of being in the Bishop's prison there. (iii) 1387, Dec. 23.—
Essex. Grant of a little land there by the same two to Sir Thomas Morewelle, kt., and Alice his wife, for their lives, with remainder to Thomas Baud. *Two Seals, the second a Seal of Arms—a cross between 4 cinquefoils pierced; the shield couchée from a large helm surmounted by crest (gone); the legend defaced.*

Hatfield Regis.—One temp. Henry VI.

Hinxworth.—One temp. Edward I.

Hinxworth (with *Edworth, co. Bedford*).—One temp. Edward I.; one temp. Edward III.—(i) 1306, March 26.—Release by Sir Robert de Melkleye, kt. (his wife Joan is mentioned), to William son of Sir Walter le Baud, of all his right and claim in the yearly rent of 36s. from lands held from him in those villis. *Exceedingly fine Seal of Arms—3 chevronels.* S' ROBERTI DE MELKLEYE. (ii) 1340, March 26.—Grant by Sir William le Baud, kt., to John his son, of the homages, rents and services of all his tenants in those villis. *Small equestrian Seal, defaced—the shield charged with 2 (or 3?) chevronels.*

Albury, Bishop Stortford and Farnham (co. Essex).—Three temp. Richard II.; one temp. Henry IV. The following may be noticed* :—1398, June 2.—Grant of all her lands there by lady Alice de Morwelle late the wife of Sir Thomas Morwelle, kt., to William Lyne, vicar of Albury and two others. *Most of her fine Seal of Arms—a fesse between 2 chevrons, with a label of 3 points, impaling—3 chevronels.*† SIGILL' ALICIE . . AUD,

THE HUNDRED OF CASHIO.

[Between 1571 and 1593.]—Book of the second payment of the second subsidy in the hundred. 10 pages.

THE HUNDREDS OF EDWINSTREE AND ODSEY.‡

1599, October.—Book of the payment of the second subsidy in the hundreds, with copies of certificates and warrants relating thereto. With Odsey are included Thundridge, Braughing and Westmill in Braughing hundred, and Walkern in Broadwater hundred. 9 pages.

1610, September 14, and 1610[–11], March 15.—Book of the first and second payments of one entire subsidy in the hundreds. 12 pages.

ESSEX.

STEBBING.

Court Rolls; courts baron and leet for the years—
 Richard II. 9.

* From another it appears that John Salysbery was rector of Stortford, and Richard Brygge vicar there, in Feb. 1398–9.

† Bawd and Melkley both bore 3 chevronels.

‡ And see p. 328 for Rentals.

Henry VI. 3-10, 12. 10 was the court of William, Lord Ferrers de Groby, 12 that of Thomas de Ferrers. *Earl of Essex.*

Edward IV. 19-22. Courts of Sir John Bouchier, kt., Lord Ferrers de Groby and his wife Elizabeth.

Henry VII. 24. Drafts for 12-22, 24. 24 was the first court of Sir Edward Howard, kt. in the right of his wife Alice Lovell, Lady de Morley.

Henry VIII. 10-13, 35, 36, 38. Drafts for 7, 10-20 (courts of Thomas, Marquis of Dorset). 36 was the first court of Sir Robert Southwell, kt., and 38 the first of Sir Giles Capell, kt.

Edward VI. 1—Philip and Mary, 2 and 3.

Elizabeth, 1-11, 17-44. Drafts for 13-16, 33-40, 42.

James I. 1—Charles I. 15.

Charles II. 7, 9, 18—James II. 1.*

Bailiffs' Account Rolls; † Henry IV. Mich. 13—Mich. 14; Henry VI. Mich. 5—Mich. 6.

Account Roll of the Collector of Wax Money; Easter, 20 Henry VI.

Account Roll of Payments for 'hervest wyke' etc. made by John Capell‡ at Stebbing, 22 Edward IV. A long paper roll. The payments include :—A shoulder of mutton, 1½*d.*; a postel of pork, 2*d.*; a breast of veal, 3*d.*; a loin of pork, 2*d.*; a goose, 6*d.*; mustard, 1*d.*; 'hoysters,' 1*d.*; 6 'rede herynges,' 1*d.*; a pair of 'botews' (short boots), 12*d.*; 'fawbett and a tappys,' ½*d.*; one 'woodcoke' for 3 'suytys,' 3*d.*; 'hoynet seed,' 1*d.*; 'a cherne to make botyr with,' 14*d.*; 3 'hardys of Kendall' (yards of Kendal cloth), 12*d.*; 'paid to him that gardereth for Seyne Antony,' 1*d.*; one 'debeyn of trencherys,' 1½*d.*; spices for the puddings, 5*d.*; a bull, 10*s.*; 2 pairs of 'glofvys,' 3*d.*; 'the holy loff in the chyrche,' 1½*d.*; 'to the oly water clerke of Stebbing,' 1*d.*; 13 pounds of candle, 13*d.*; 4 'treyn platers,' 2*d.*; an 'almary' (ambry, *i.e.* cupboard), 14*d.*

Rentals§ of the manor; made in the years 1423 (parchment roll), 1525 (paper roll), 1544 (three, all parchment rolls), 1549 (book of 44 pages), 1559, 1588, 1598 (parchment rolls), 1598 (book of 11 pages), 1609 (parchment book of 5 pages), 1631 (book of 15 pages), 1669, 1676 (books of 11 pages each), 1700 (parchment book of 5 pages).

Terrier, made 9 Henry VIII.; book of 19 pages.

Surveys|| of the manor; made in the years 1545 (small parchment roll), 1547 (two books, one of the freeholds, 20 pages, the other of the leaseholds, 10 pages), 1606 (leaseholds only).

Early Deeds relating to the Manor; four, as follows :—

* And see *p.* 317.

† And see *p.* 332.

‡ Apparently bailiff to his brother William, to whom various sums were paid.

§ And see *pp.* 313, 314.

|| And see *p.* 313.

Earl of
Essex.

Grant by Robert [Ferrers], Earl of Nottingham, to Maurice FitzGeoffrey, of all his land of Stebbing, for the yearly rent of 10l. etc.*

1139, September 26.—Robertus Comes de Nottingham omnibus hominibus suis et amicis suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et firmiter concessisse Mauricio filio Gaufridi totam teram meam de Stebingis in feudo et hereditate et sibi et heredibus suis de me et de heredibus meis per x. libras per annum et per dimidium servicium j. militis pro omnibus serviciis et consuetudinibus. Et debet reddere istas x. libras per quatuor terminos per annum, scilicet l. solidos ad festum Sancti Andree et l. solidos ad Pascha Floridum et l. solidos ad Pentecosten et l. solidos ad Vincula Sancti Petri. Quare volo et precipio ut ille et heredes sui teneant illam teram bene et in pace et libere et quiete in monasterio et in molendinis et in bosco et plano et pratis et pascuis per supradictum servicium sicut ego vel aliquis antecessorum meorum melius ac liberius tenuit. Et pro hac terra devenit homo meus et donavit mihi x. marcas argenti. Testibus, Hugone filio Sawal et Ricardo capellano et Hugone de Aukenvilla et Ansketillo clerico et Rogero clerico de Tamwurdia et Henrico filio Sawal et Willelmo filio Nigelli et Willelmo filio Herberti et Roberto de Livet et Roberto de Bachepuz et Willelmo de Seile et Radulfo Venatore et Radulfo de Boilest' et Willelmo de Sancto Quintino et Roberto de Becco et Waldevo et Roberto fil[iis] Willelmi filii Nigelli et Willelmo filio Herberti juveni et Milone de Baelun et Radulfo de Seile et Gilberto Saxone et Roberto de Touca et Gaufrido de Aquila et Roberto de Rivera et pluribus aliis. Apud Stutesberiam vj^{to} Kal. Octobris iiij^{to} anno imperii Regis Stephani.

Grant by Robert, Earl of Ferrers, to the same Maurice, of his 'x. libratas terrae' in Stebbing, in exchange for the land of Robert de Livet, uncle of Maurice.

[1139–1162.]—Robertus Comes de Ferrariis omnibus hominibus et amicis suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et firmiter concessisse Mauritio filio Gaufridi et heredibus suis hereditarie ad tenendum de me et de heredibus meis illas x. libratas terre quas habui in Stebingis, in escambio totius terre Roberti de Livet avunculi sui, preter teram Wolvordi militis de Wodeham, quia illa terra remanet ipsi Mauricio sine escambio sicut illa quam ei concessi. Et totam istam predictam terram ei concessi hereditarie ad tenendum per servitium j. militis. Et si contingerit quod ipse Mauritius

* Very probably the Maurice FitzGeoffrey who, with Robert Ferrers, Earl of Derby, founded the Cistercian Abbey at Tilty in or about 1152. This and the two following deeds are briefly discussed in the Introduction to this Report, at p. 297.

perdidisset aliquo casu illas x. libratas terre quas ei *Earl of*
donavi in Stebbingis, scilicet per Margaretam comitissam *Essex.*
uxorem meam vel per defectum meum vel heredum
meorum, tunc concedo et dono ei hereditarie de me et
de heredibus meis totam terciam partem de manerio
meo de Wodeham in bosco et plano et pratis et pascuis
et dominiis et hominibus et in omnibus aliis rebus.
Sed terra Wolvardi militis de Wodeham ei remanet sine
particione quia sua est. Et pro escambio isto terre
Roberti de Livet avunculi sui donat mihi xv. marcas
argenti de gersuma. Et prius dedit mihi xxviiij. marcas
argenti quia recognovi ei et reddidi rectum suum de
terra Roberti de Livet avunculi sui coram Baronibus
meis. Et hujus pecunie hec est summa xliij. marce
argenti. His testibus, Henrico Hoset, Willelmo fratre
suo, W. filio Landrici de Ginges, Johanne filio Willelmi,
Nigello de Cliftona, Colsueno Coco, Gaufrido de Camera,
Roberto de Faleisia, Willelmo filio Alfegi de Colecestria.
Et de Baronibus de Londinio, Alano filio Huberti,
Ranulpho vicecomiti Londinii,* Laurentio Bucc',
Johanne filio Radulphi, Willelmo filio Edwardi, Salemo
de Stebeheia, Willelmo Malet, Osberto filio Morini,
Roberto Blund' Londiniense, Roberto Niwelario,
Godefrido clerico, Roberto ph[ilosoph]o[?], Ada de
Sancto Antonino, Radulpho ejus filio, Willelmo Pagano,
Radulpho Bucello, Adelulfo filio Fredemundi, Roberto
filio Willelmi filii Tyrri et pluribus aliis.

Another Charter relating to the same Exchange.

[1139-1162.]—Robertus Comes de Ferrariis omnibus
hominibus et amicis suis Francis et Anglis salutem.
Sciatis quod Robertus de Livet hereditavit Gaufridum
filium Ricardi fratrem suum et heredes ipsius Gaufridi
de tota terra sua, quare ego reddidi Mauritio filio
Gaufridi totam hereditatem ipsius Roberti de Livet
hereditarie sibi et suis heredibus ad tenendum de me
et meis heredibus pro xxviiij. marcis argenti quas inde
mihi dedit. Et quia terra illa Roberti de Livet erat
mihi proxima concessi Mauritio totam terram meam
de Stebbingis de me et meis heredibus sibi et suis
heredibus in escambium pro terra illa Roberti de Livet
per servicium j. militis pro xx. marcis argenti quas
Mauritius mihi dedit. Et si contingerit quod Stebbingis
caderet in manum Comitisse Margarete cujus dos predicta
Stebbingis est, tunc concedo Mauritio escambium de terra
mea de Wodeham ad valentiam de Stebbingis hereditarie
de me et meis heredibus sibi et suis heredibus donec
ipse vel heredes sui habeant Stebbingis post Comitissam,
et pro hac concessione dedit mihi Mauritius xx. marcas

* He does not appear in the *List of Sheriffs*.

Earl of
Essex.

argenti. Et preterea concedo ipsi Mauritio quod faciat quoddam molendinum in marisco quod est commune inter manerium meum de Wodeham et manerium de Hoccheleia [Hockley] Abbatisse de Berching [Barking] et quod ipse et heredes sui teneant illud molendinum per xii.d. reddendo inde per annum ad manerium meum de Wodeham pro omnibus serviciis, et pro hac re dedit mihi Mauritius c. solidos. Quare volo et precipio quod ipse Mauricius et heredes sui teneant hec tenementa supradicta de me et meis heredibus sicut carta mea confirmat. Testibus, Henrico Hosato, Ricardo de Fifhida, Gaufrido de Aquila, Radulpho clerico.

Letters Patent of Henry III. to William de Ferrers.

1235, November 24.—Exempting him and his heirs from suit of court at Hatfield Peverel in respect of his manor of Stebbing. *A portion of the Great Seal.* [See *Calendar of Patent Rolls*, 1232–1247 p. 131.]

PORTERS HALL in STEBBING.

Court Rolls ; courts baron for the years :—

Edward III. 6, 37, 49–51. 6 was the court of William Porter, and 49 the first of Sir William Wautone, kt.

Richard II. 1–8, 13–22. 18 was the court of Ismania, widow of Sir William Wautone, kt., junior (and daughter and heiress of John Porter*).

Henry V. 2–4, 6, 8, 9.

Henry VI. 4, 7, 11, 15–18, 21–25, 30, 33, 35, 36, 38. Draft for 20. 7 was the court of Prince John, Regent of France and Duke of Bedford, and 22 the first of Lewis FitzLowys.

Richard III. 2. The court of William Capell and his cofeoffees.

Henry VII. 2, 4–6. Draft for 13. The courts of the same.

Henry VIII. 33. Drafts for 10—Philip and Mary, 2 and 3. From 17 Henry VIII. the courts are those of Sir Giles Capell, kt.

Elizabeth, 1–11 (courts of Sir Edward Capell, kt.), 17–44.

Drafts for 13, 15, 32–42 (most years). 17 was the first court of Henry Capell, and 31 the first of Arthur Capell.

James I. 1—Charles I. 15 (save one or two). 9 Charles I. was the first court of Arthur Capell.

Charles II. 7—James II. 1.†

Bailiffs' Account Rolls ; † twenty-two, covering the periods :—

Mich. 1—Mich. 2 Richard II. ; Easter 21 Richard II.—Mich. 15 Henry IV. (save years ending Mich. 5, 9, 12 and 13) ; Easter 8—Mich. 9 Henry V. ; Mich. 17—Mich. 18 Henry VI. ;

* As appears from an early deed *in/ra*.

† And see p. 317.

and Mich. 2—Mich. 11 Henry VII. Lady Ismania Wautone *Earl of*
owned the manor in 6 Henry IV. and Nicholas Talbot and *Essex.*
Lady Ismania his wife in the year following.

Rolls of the Services and Customs of Henry le Porter and Ismania his wife in Stebbing; one of 16 Edward I. (1288), and another undated. Parchment.

*Rentals** of the manor; 22 Edward I. (1294, Henry le Porter, lord); 3 Edward III. (1329, William Porter, lord); 7 Richard II. (1383, Sir William Wautone, kt., junior, and Ismania his wife, lords); 15, 16, 22, 32 (and two others undated *temp.*) Henry VI. (Lewis 'John,' lord in 15, and Lewis FitzLowys lord 22–32); 19 Edward IV.; 3 Henry VII. (two); 13, 24, 35 Henry VIII.; 24, 30, 40 Elizabeth; 7, 20 James I.; 7 Charles I.; 21, 28 Charles II. All those down to 7 James I., save those of 19 Edward IV. and 24 Elizabeth, are parchment rolls; the remainder are paper rolls.

Extents of the manor; made, one in 2 Henry VII. (a long parchment roll), and another (a book containing the acreage only) in the same reign.

Early Deed relating to the Manor :—

1320–21, February 26.—Release by Sir Ingram de Umframville, kt., to John Porter, of all his right in the manor of Stebbing (*i.e.* Porters Hall). *Very fine equestrian Seal of dark red paste, varnished, nearly perfect—to the left, his sword brandished in the right hand, his shield (seen full face) charged with—an orle ermine, with a label of 3 (very narrow) points, the charges being repeated twice upon the bardings of his charger.*
... NGERAM DE UM . . ANVILLE D'NI DE TOW . . .

STEBBING and PORTERS' HALL.

Half-yearly Rentals of both manors; made Lady Day, 1582 and 1592 (parchment rolls), and Mich. 1583 and 1586 (paper rolls).

Surveys of both manors; made in 1580. Two books, of 46 and 20 pages respectively.

RAYNE PARVA.

Court Rolls for the manor (sometimes called 'Welles in Rayne Parva'); courts baron and leet for the years :—

Henry VII. 17, 20, 22, 23 (drafts).

Henry VIII. 32. Drafts for 3–16, 19, 22, 26, 32, 38.

4 was the first court of Henry Marney and 14 other feoffees of Sir Giles Capell, kt.

Edward VI. 4 (also a draft).

Elizabeth. Draft for 39.

*Rental** of free and farm rents, made in 1622. A parchment roll.

* And see pp. 314, 317.

Earl of Deeds relating to the Manor :—
Essex.

1415, October 21.—Appointment by Ralph Chamberlain and Nicholas Webster, clerk, (who had been enfeofed of the premises by John Peke of Leyham) of John Boteler and John Prior their attorneys for conveying the manor (with two parts of the *manor of Shelley, co. Suffolk*) to Robert Hunt and 9 others.

1464, September 26.—Grant by John Taseler, clerk, and Robert Hunt (who had been enfeofed of the premises by Nicholas Peke of Colchester and William son and heir of Sir Roger Drewry, kt.), to Katherine, widow of the said Nicholas, and 4 others, of the manor and advowson; to hold for the life of Katherine, with remainder to John Stede and Richard Dykeman, for the performance of the will of the said Nicholas.

1479, March 29.—Release by Henry Pachet to Richard Turnaunt and 3 others of all his right in the manor and advowson.

STEBBING, PORTERS HALL and RAYNE PARVA.

Rent Book for the three manors; 1731–1742.

BARWICK BERNERS in ABBOTS RODING.*

Court Rolls; courts baron and leet for the years :—

Elizabeth, 32, 34, 35, 39 (drafts). Arthur Capell, lord.

FELSTEAD.

Rental of Felstead with Grand Court; made 28 Henry VIII. Long paper roll.

EARLY DEEDS RELATING TO LAND IN ESSEX.

Stebbing (nearly all grants to or from members of the Porter family).—One *temp.* Henry III.; twenty-five undated [*temp.* Henry III. or Edward I.]; two undated [*temp.* Edward II. or III.]; fourteen *temp.* Edward I.; twenty-six *temp.* Edward II.; forty-two *temp.* Edward III.; six *temp.* Richard II.; six *temp.* Henry IV.; four *temp.* Henry V.; six *temp.* Henry VI.; one *temp.* Edward IV.; one *temp.* Henry VII.; three *temp.* Henry VIII.; one *temp.* Elizabeth. The following may be noticed† :—(i) [Henry III. or Edward I.]—Grant by Philip Giffard to Innocence Giffard his brother, of a little land there, the chief lords of the fee being Sir William de Ferrers, Henry le Porter and John de Stisted. Sir Eustace d'Umframville mentioned as owning land there. Sir Robert Ostriciarius of

* And see p. 317.

† From others it appears that John de Dorteфорд was perpetual vicar of Stebbing in Oct. 1307, and John Bultell vicar there in Feb. 1497–8. Richard son of Henry de Stebbing, perpetual vicar of Dunmow, was a witness to an undated charter [*temp.* Edward I. ?].

Saling, a witness. (ii) [Henry III or Edward I].—Grant by *Earl of Essex.* Sir Robert Ostriciarius, kt., of Magna Saling to Henry le Porter, of 8 acres of land there, the chief lord of the fee being Richard [Fitz]Botulph. *Fine little Seal of Arms—a chevronel enhanced between 6 crosses crosslets 2, 1, 2 and 1 (2 in chief and 4 in base).* FR[AN]GE LEGE TEGE. (iii) 1266, Sept. 22.—Grant of land in the vill by Robert de Crevequer, son of Sir Hamo de Crevequer, the grantee doing suit at the court of the grantor there. *Exceedingly fine large Seal of Arms of yellow wax, nearly perfect—a cross coupé and voided.* S' ROBERTI DE CREVEQUER. There are two other charters of his, undated, with like Seals pendant; to one of them Richard Giffard, rector of Stebbing, was a witness. (iv) 1288, May 24.—Grant by Nicholas Godying to Henry le Porter and Imania his wife. Witnesses—Sir Robert de Merk, Sir Ralph Bygod, Sir Robert Ostriciarius, knights, etc. (v) 1317, Oct. 2.—Grant by John Porter to Walter de Coulyngge. *Most of fine small oval Seal—an eagle displayed with inverted wings . . .* NOMEN EIUS. (vi) 1326, Dec. 27.—Grant by William Saman to John Porter. *Seal—round a central design, the legend LOVE ME AND I SELE.* (vii) 1330, Nov. 20.—Grant by Innocence Giffard to William Porter. *Fine little Seal—a griffin segreant.* (viii) 1344–5, Jan. 17.—Indenture witnessing the delivery by William Porter to John de Gelham, Prior of Dunmow, at the instance of Isabel widow of Henry de Ferrers lord de Groby, of an indenture dated Ap. 25, 1331, whereby Henry granted to William and Florence, then his wife, in tail, 97½ acres and 4 *daywercat'* of land with 1½ acres of meadow in Stebbing, in exchange for a like quantity of land there—such indenture to be held by the Prior until William de Ferrers son and heir of Henry should come of age. *Fragmentary remains of the very fine circular Seal of Arms of Isabel Ferrers, 1½ in. in diameter—in the centre panel of a Gothic design, a shield charged with 7 mascles, 3, 3 and 1—for Ferrers; round this are 8 other panels (of which only 4 remain intact); those in chief, to the sinister and in base (a fragment only) contain each a roundle charged as follows—(a) 3 lions of England (b) a cross (for de Burgh?) (c) fretty—for Verdon; in the two panels between them are a castle and a lion rampant respectively—for Leon and Castile, while in the portion which remains of the eighth panel (between that in chief and that to the dexter) is the tail of another lion rampant.* Also the exceedingly fine little Seal of Arms of William Porter—an eagle displayed with inverted*

* This lady was daughter and co-heir of Theobald lord Verdon, being his only child by his second wife Elizabeth, widow of Sir John de Burgh, son and heir of Richard de Burgh Earl of Ulster, and one of the sisters and co-heirs of Gilbert de Clare Earl of Gloucester and Hertford, they being the children of Gilbert de Clare Earl of Gloucester and Hertford by Joan Plantagenet, third daughter of Edward I and Eleanor of Castile. The fourth roundle was no doubt charged with the 3 chevronels of Clare. The inclusion of the cross, if with reference to her mother's former alliance with the de Burghs, is most curious. It is more likely to be the armorial bearing of her paternal grandmother, whose parentage is not known.

Earl of wings, charged upon the breast with a shield bearing 6 mullets pierced, 3, 2 and 1. SIGILLUM WI. . . . PORTER. (ix) 1398, Ap. 15.—Grant by John son and heir of Sir Robert Geddyng, kt. *Fine Seal of Arms—a chevron between 3 eagles' heads erased.* EN BONE TEMPS GEDDYNG. (x) 1400, Oct. 21.—Grant by Ismania widow of Sir William Wautone, junior, kt. and (as appears from another deed dated a few months before) daughter and heir of John Porter of Stebbing. *Very fine Seal of Arms—a chevron, impaling—quarterly, a bend fretty.* SIGILL' IMAVNE WAUTON.

Stebbing and Felstead.—One temp. Henry VII.

Stebbing and Totham (with Sudbury, Acton, Waldingfield and Edwardstone, co. Suffolk).—Two temp. Edward II. The following may be noticed :—1316–17, Jan. 24.—Release by Robert, Abbot of the monastery of the Blessed Mary of Hambye in the diocese of Coutances, to Nicholas son of John de Stebbing, of the annual rent of 60s. which he was wont to pay for all their rents, services, suits of court etc. in those villis. *Fine remains of the pointed oval Seals of the Abbot and Convent, in green wax, measuring, when perfect, about 2in. by 1½in. and 2½in. by 1½in. respectively—(i) Full-length figure of the Abbot holding a crozier in his right hand and a book in his left ; to the sinister (the dexter side is missing) is a shield charged with 2 barrulets between 6 martlets, 3, 2 and 1. In a niche in base is a long-legged and long-tailed bird. . . . TRIS . . . ERTI ABB'IS DE HAM. . . . (ii) The Virgin crowned and with nimbus seated upon a throne, her right hand raised ; upon her left knee the infant Christ is seated, with nimbus, his right hand upon her breast, his left arm extended with a large book in the hand.* S' C

Stebbing and Magna Saling.—One temp. Edward IV.

Magna Saling.—Three undated [Henry III.—Edward II.] ; two temp. Edward II. ; one temp. Edward III. ; one temp. Richard II. Henry was vicar there Easter 1317.

Rayne Parva.—One undated [temp. Edward I. or II.] ; one temp. Edward III. ; one temp. Henry VII. ; four temp. Henry VIII.

Rayne Parva and Braintree.—One temp. Edward IV. (January 18, 1477–8, Richard Turnaunt mentioned as lord of the manor of Rayne Parva).

Rayne Parva, Braintree and Bocking.—Two temp. Edward IV. ; two temp. Henry VI. ; one temp. Henry VII. ; four temp. Henry VIII.

Bocking.—One temp. Edward IV.

Braintree.—One temp. Edward III. ; two temp. Henry VI.

Bocking and Braintree.—One temp. Henry VIII.

Horham and Thaxted.—One temp. Edward II., being a grant (July 12, 1317) by Maud de Clare, Countess of Gloucester and Hertford, widow, to Maud, widow of Sir William de Wautone, of the wardship of his lands there, with the custody and marriage of his grandsons William and (if William should die under

age) Thomas, being the sons of William de Wauton his deceased *Earl of*
son and heir. *Very fine Seal of Arms*—3 chevronels, for Clare, *Essex.*
impaling—a cross, for de Burgh; to either side of the shield,
a wyvern. . . . MATILDIS

Great Waltham.—One temp. Edward III.—1346, June 18.
Indenture of agreement between William Porter of Stebbing
and John Waleys of Great Waltham, relating to the recent
marriage of Henry son of the former with Joan daughter of
the latter. *Very fine Seal of Arms*—a bend engrailed between
6 sixfoils pierced. SIGILLUM JOHAN

Broxton—One temp. Edward III.—1334–5, Feb. 26. Deed
whereby William de Wauton of Thaxted released William
Garyng, vicar of Stebbing, and William Porter of Stebbing
from all acts of debt, waste, destruction or ruin (*exilii*) done by
them or their bailiffs in the manor of Chaur[eth] (*i.e.* Broxton).
Witnesses—Sir Thomas de Lovayne, Sir John Bipisworthe,
Sir Alexander de Walsham, knights, etc. *Very fine little Seal*
of Arms—a chevron; the shield couchée from mantled helm
surmounted by crest of 7 radiating spikes. S' WILL' I D'
WAUTONE.

Margaret Roding, White Roding, Barnston and High Easter.

—One temp. Edward I.

Stansted Montfichet and Birchanger.—One temp. Edward II.;
two temp. Henry VI.

Farnham.—One temp. Henry VI. (March 1, 1439–40;
Thomas Baulde mentioned as lord of the manor of Hadham
Parva, co. Hertford).

HERTFORDSHIRE AND ESSEX.

The Accounts of the Receiver of Sir William Capell, Mich. 3—
Mich. 4 Henry VIII. Two books, one parchment and one
paper. They relate to the following:—

Hertfordshire.—The manors of Walkern and Hadham Hall.

Essex.—The manors of Porters Hall in Stebbing, Rayne,
Barwick Capell in Abbots Roding, Blackhall in Bobbing-
worth, and Goldington in Colne Engaine, together with
Boroughs in Birchanger, Godswaynes (held of the manor
of Hallingbury Bouchier) and Symondes (held of the
manor of Hatfield Broadoak).

1690–1753.—*Book containing Indexes to Surrenders* in the
following manors:—

Hertfordshire.—Walkern, Cashio, Bushey, Hadham, Park,
Redbourn, and Gorhambury.

Essex.—Stebbing and Porters Hall.

1701–1759.—*Book containing Calendar of Surrenders* in the
same manors, except Redbourn and Gorhambury.

NORFOLK.

GREAT FRANSHAM.

Of the documents noticed below nearly all those which are copies or extracts appear to have been made for the purposes of an action concerning the manor brought by Arthur Capell against Nicholas Mynne in the year 1599. They are nearly all signed as having been examined by Nicholas Mynne and William Hampton (the latter on behalf of Arthur Capell). Most of the original documents, too, are similarly signed. As there seems to be great confusion with regard to the descent of the manor, after the death of Geoffrey de Fransham, among the issue of those three of his sisters to whom it passed, anything tending to throw light upon such descent has been noticed.*

Court Rolls (each court being entitled 'Fransham Magna');
Courts baron for the years :—

Edward III. 9, 13, 18. 9 was the first court of Thomas de Pickenham, rector, while 18 was the court of Alexander Finch, rector, and was held in the church.

Richard II. 1, 5. 1 was the court of Simon Finch, rector.

Courts baron, with occasional courts leet,† for the years :—

Edward III. 4—Henry IV. 6. Short extracts for most years. 17 Edward III. was the court of Gilbert de Fransham, and 45 the first of Agnes, widow of Gilbert de Fransham. 5 Henry IV. was the first of Geoffrey de Fransham.

Henry VI. 34 (also a copy). At this court, the first 'after his entry,' of Sir William Oldhall, kt., William Vergous and Margaret, wife of Geoffrey Grey, Elizabeth Sharrington and Thomas Hall were all fined for having entered upon and demised the manor, 'in exheredicionem' of Sir William, in February, 1453-4.

Henry VII. 13, 17, 19 (copies). Drafts for 17 and 19. 17 was the first court of Sir William Capell, kt.

Henry VIII. 3, 17, 29-38 (copies). 31 was the first court of Edward Mynne, 35 the first of his son and heir Nicholas, and 38 the first of Henry Mynne [brother and heir of Nicholas].

Edward VI. 1-4, 6 (copies).

Philip and Mary, 4 and 5, 5 and 6 (copies).

Elizabeth, 2 (draft). A few extracts.

Extent and Rental,‡ made [temp. Henry IV.]. Parchment roll.

Survey Books; three nearly identical (14, 15 and 17 pages), each containing a rental temp. Henry V. and an extent

* The mass of material contained in Carthew's *Hundred of Launditch* is considerably supplemented by these records. See also p. 324.

† The distinct leets, held at 'the Mills on the Moor' in Fransham Magna, for Fransham Magna etc., are noticed under Little Fransham (p. 321 *infra*), as they appear to have belonged from early times to the lord of Kirkhams in Little Fransham. (See, however, the deed of 1409 *infra*.)

‡ And see pp. 324, 328, 333, for Bailiffs' Accounts.

temp. Henry VI. (all copies). One also contains a copy of an *Earl of Essex* extent *temp.* William de Fransham, chief lord of Fransham, which he held of Alice de Plays for the service of one knight, she holding in dower of Ralph de Plays, and Ralph of John de Warenne, Earl of [Surrey], who held of the king in chief of his barony of Lewes. Three other books* (18, 26 and 28 pages), all identical and each containing copies of an extent and rental *temp.* Henry VIII. One other (3 pages) containing a survey of the demesne and other lands in the hands of Nicholas Mynne, 1595.

Rentals† (copies or abstracts). Two *temp.* Henry V. Also for the years :—Henry VIII. 2, 3, 29 ; Edward VI. 1 ; Philip and Mary, 1 and 2, 2 and 3 ; Elizabeth, 11, 12, 15, 17, 24 ; James I. 1, 2, 5, 12. Also a note of the rents and farm of the manor received by Thomas Sharrington, one of the lords, 2 Henry VIII.

Various notes made *temp.* Elizabeth concerning the descent of the manor after the death of Geoffrey de Fransham.

Deeds relating to the Manor etc.‡

1409, April 26.—Indenture leading the uses of a deed, dated three days earlier, whereby Geoffrey Fransham enfeoffed Sir John Heveningham, kt., Richard Shirlock, John Cowper and three others, of his manors of Fransham Magna and Scarning, with the advowsons and View of Frank Pledge, together with the leet called ‘Mills on the Moor,’ with lands there and in many other places. They, after his death, to convey the manor and advowson of Scarning to Joan his wife for her life, and, subject thereto, to sell all the premises, and out of the proceeds to pay (*inter alia*) 20 marks of silver towards the repair of the church of Fransham Magna. *Remains of his Seal of Arms, much defaced—per pale indented, 6 martlets.* SIGILL

1456, April 10.—Feoffment by Sir William Oldhall, kt., Sir John Falstolf, kt., and William Yelverton, to Thomas, Archbishop of Canterbury, and others of land and chief rents in Fransham Magna and Scarning, with the View of Frank Pledge called ‘Millis of the Moor’; to hold to the uses of Sir William’s will.
Copy.

1461, September 26.—Agreement regarding rabbits in Fransham Magna, made by William Vergous and Thomas Sharrington with Walter Gorges. *On paper.*

1499–1500, March 8.—Counterpart of lease by Sir Edmund Gorges, kt., to Nicholas Crudde, of the manor and advowson ; for 10 years, at 4*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* *p. a.*

* One signed ‘Leonard Robertson, Examiner in Chancery.’

† And see pp. 326, 328.

‡ And see p. 326.

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Essex.

1578, April.—Counterpart of lease for 20 years, by Henry Capell to Andrew Clarke,* of all his portion of the manor,† with provisions for arranging a partition of the manor if Nicholas, son and heir of Henry Mynne, on coming of age, should desire it.

LITTLE FRANSHAM.

Court Rolls. There is considerable confusion between the various manors in Little Fransham. With regard to those of the following courts which are prior to 11 Henry VIII. most are entitled 'Fransham Parva' simply. Some, however, are entitled 'Kirkhams in Fransham Parva,' and a very few (*i.e.* 22 Richard II.—6 Henry IV.) 'Wilcocks in Fransham Parva' or 'the manor late of William Lestraunge',‡ and in the case of such courts the fact is indicated by the letter K, W, or S following the year in brackets. Kirkhams and Wilcocks were originally distinct manors, and it seems that all the courts down to 19 Richard II. belong to the former. The two came into the same hands apparently in 4 Henry IV. (when Edmund Oldhall owned them), and before very long a single court was held for both manors, which, though for some time represented by separate juries, eventually became fused into one, called 'the manor of Kirkhams' or 'the manor of Kirkhams and Wilcocks in Fransham Parva.' The courts from 11 Henry VIII. onwards are entitled indifferently 'Fransham Parva' or 'Kirkhams and Wilcocks in Fransham Parva.' From 50 Edward III. the rolls contain, in addition to the courts baron, regular courts leet; there was one also in 2 Edward III. This leet (as appears from the Account Rolls) belonged to the lord of the manor of Kirkhams, and no leet is entered upon the Wilcocks rolls 22 Richard II.—6 Henry IV.

Edward II. 20.

Edward III. 1-10, 11-13 (K.), 14-51 (save one or two).

12 was the court of John de Kirkham, 27 that of John Lestraunge,§ and the following year that of Lord Robert de Morley, Alexander Lestraunge, Thomas de Oxwick and two others. In January, 1360-1, Peter Lestraunge held his first court, while in July following was the court of Philip de Carleton, Thomas de Oxwick, Simon Finch and two others. 37 was the court of Gilbert de Fransham, Simon Finch and three others, and 46 was

* He married (as appears from some notes) Christiana, late wife of Henry, brother and heir of Nicholas, son and heir of Edward Mynne.

† In a subsequent letter (of which there is a copy) from the agent of Arthur Capell to Andrew Clarke, concerning a sale of wood on the manor, two-ninths of the proceeds were ordered to be paid to Arthur Capell, the rest to Nicholas Mynne. If the latter objected, Clarke was to claim the whole manor on behalf of Arthur Capell, who appeared 'from the evidences' to have a 'strong title' to it.

‡ That these two were one and the same appears from the heading on the Account Roll *temp.* Henry IV. at p. 322 *infra*.

§ To whom, as appears by a deed of 1354 (*infra*), the manor was granted by John de Kirkham.

the first court of Sir John de Harsick, kt., and five *Earl of Essex* others.*

Richard II. 1-4, 15-19, 22 (S.). 2 was the first court of Emma, widow of Sir Peter Lestraunge, kt.,† and 19 the first of Sir Robert de Berney, kt., Edmund Oldhall and two others.

Henry IV. 1 (S.), 2 (S.), 3-5 (W.), 6‡ (S.), 6‡-11, 12 (K.). 5 was the first of the said Emma, and later in the same year was the first of Edmund Oldhall and Alice his wife.

Henry V. 9 (K.), 10 (K.).

Henry VI. 1-12 (K.), 12-39, 49. 2 was the first of Sir William Oldhall, kt., 31 that of Jasper de Hatfield, Earl of Pembroke,§ 32 the first of Walter Gorges, 34 the first of Sir William Oldhall, kt.,|| and 35 the first of Sir Miles Stapleton and the other feoffees [to the uses of Sir William's will]. 39 (September 29, 1460,) was the first of Sir William Oldhall 'after his attainder and imprisonment at Kelingworth,' while a month later (November 25) Walter Gorges and Mary his wife, Sir William's daughter and heiress, held their first court.

Edward IV. 1—Richard III. 3. 19 was the first of Edmund son and heir of Walter Gorges.

Henry VII. 1-14, 17 (also a copy). Drafts for 17, 19, 23. 7 was the first of the Marquis of Dorset, Thomas, Earl of Surrey, and other feoffees. 17 was the first of Sir William Capell, kt., and his co-feoffees.

Henry VIII. 2-11 (K., all but 7 and 8 drafts), 7, 17, 18, 33. Drafts for 8, 11-19, 33-38. 7 was the first of Lady Margaret Capell, widow, and 14 the first of Sir Giles Capell, kt.

Edward VI. 2-6 (drafts).

Mary, 1 (draft).

Philip and Mary, 1 and 2, 2 and 3, 4 and 5, 5 and 6 (drafts).

Elizabeth, 2, 20. Drafts for 1, 2, 6, 10-19, 31-40, 42.

31 was the first of Arthur Capell.

Rolls of the leets, held at the Mills on the Moor in Fransham Magna, for Fransham Magna, Dunham Magna, Dunham Parva

* To whom (as appears from the original deed—*infra*) the manor, once belonging to John Lestraunge, was granted the year before by Simon [Finch], parson of Fransham Magna, who had obtained it from Philip de Carleton.

† In that year (as appears from the original deed—*infra*) the manor was conveyed to her for her life by Sir John de Harsick, kt., and the others.

‡ In this year a court for 'Straunge's in Fransham Parva' and a court for 'Fransham Parva' were held upon the same day, shewing that they were two distinct manors. There is a note, made *temp.* Elizabeth, to the effect that in 4 Henry IV. Edward Lestrange gave to Edmund Oldhall and Alice his wife 'his manor in Little Fransham called Le Straunge.'

§ Who, upon the attainder of Sir William, received a grant of (*inter alia*) his manors of Kirkhams and Wilcocks in Fransham Parva, and his third part of the manor of Fransham Magna (as found in an inquisition taken at East Dereham before the escheator, Ap. 26, 1507—of which there is a copy).

|| He was pardoned and reinstated July, 33 Henry VI., but again attainted in 1459.

Earl of and Kempston. It belonged to the lord of Kirkhams and
Essex. Wilcocks,* and was distinct from the leet held at Fransham
 Parva. There are Courts for the years:—

Edward III. 44 (on the Fransham Parva court roll).
 Henry VI. 3, 10—Richard III. 3 (save one or two).
 Henry VII. 1, 3–13 (save two), 17. Drafts for 17, 19.
 Henry VIII. 7. Drafts for 4, 6, 11, 12, 15, 16, 19, 23, 33.
 Copies of 36–38.

Edward VI. 1 (copy), 4–6 (drafts).

Mary, 1 (draft).

Philip and Mary, 1 and 2, 2 and 3, 4 and 5, 5 and 6 (drafts).

Elizabeth, 2, 24, 39. Drafts for 2, 6, 7, 11, 24, 25.

A few extracts, Henry VII. 14—Charles I. 6.

Account rolls; † for *Fransham Parva* (probably *Kirkhams*):—

Edward III. Mich. 47—June 8, 48. Bailiff's (Sir Peter
 Lestraunge, kt., lord). 8s. was received from the leet
 on the Moor.

Richard II. Mich. 7—Mich. 8. Messor's (Lady [Emma
 Lestraunge], lady of manor, held of Lady de Beau-
 champ). Mich. 15—Mich. 17, messor's. Mich. 18—
 Mich. 19, bailiff's (Sir Edmund Oldhall, kt., lord).
 Mich. 22—Mich. 1 Henry IV. messor's (manor of
 Wilcocks mentioned).

Henry IV. Mich. 2—Mich. 5 (2–4 bailiff's, 4–5 messor's).
 Mich. 6—Mich. 8, messor's (manor of Wilcocks
 mentioned).

For *Kirkhams in Fransham Parva*:—

Henry V. Christmas 5—Mich. 6, bailiff's‡ (Edmund
 Oldhall and Alice his wife, lords).

Edward IV. Mich. 9—Mich. 13, Mich. 16—Mich. 21,
 messors'. These comprised both Kirkhams and
 Wilcocks.

For '*Wylcokes, the manor lately of William le Straunge*'
in Fransham Parva:—

Henry IV. Mich. 5—Mich. 7 (manor of Kirkhams
 mentioned), Mich. 10—Mich. 11, messor's.

Henry V. Mich. 2—Mich. 4, messor's. Christmas 5—
 Mich. 6, dairymaid's§ (Edmund Oldhall and Alice his
 wife, lords). Mich. 8—Mich. 9, messor's.

For *Kirkhams and Wilcocks*, granges only:—

Henry IV, Mich. 13—Mich. 1 Henry V.

Rentals:||

One of William Lestraunge [about 30 Edward III.].

One of Sir Peter Lestraunge, kt., in Fransham Parva,
 Fransham Magna and Necton [about 40 Edward III.].

* See the Surveys noticed below. It would seem to have originally
 belonged to the lord of the manor of Kirkhams.

† See also *pp.* 324, 328, 333.

‡ On the same roll with Wilcocks, *infra*.

§ On the same roll with Kirkhams, *supra*.

|| And see *pp.* 326, 328.

One of Lady Emma Lestraunge in the same places, *Earl of Essex.*
8 Richard II., with customary. A long parchment roll.

One (copy) of the manor of Fransham Parva [between 1362 and 1397].

Kirkhams.—One of Sir William Oldhall in Fransham Parva, Fransham Magna and Necton, 22 Henry VI; a long paper roll. Another [*temp.* Henry VI. or Edward IV. ?]; a parchment roll.

Wilcocks.—One [15th century]; small parchment roll.

One (copy) of Fransham Parva for the year ending Lady Day, 1597.

Manor of Kirkhams and Wilcocks; made in the years :—
1600, 1602, 1604, 1612 (abstract), 1617 (abstract), 1645
(with *Gooderstone*, for half year ending Mich.).

Extents (parchment rolls); one of *Wilcocks* with rental [*temp.* Henry IV. or V.]. One of Fransham Parva, 17 Henry VII. Two of Fransham Parva demesnes, one [15th century], the other 1577 (with copy in a paper book).

Surveys: two of the manor of *Kirkhams and Wilcocks*, or Fransham Parva, made 1566 and 1605 (books of 6 and 9 pages). In the former it is stated that the leet in Fransham Magna belonged to the lord of *Kirkhams and Wilcocks*, to be kept at the Mills on the Moor at a bush called the Leet Bush. Also that the parson of Fransham Parva 'keepeth a court within himself.'

Some papers in a suit between Sir Arthur Capell, kt., and Richard Beckham, senior, both claiming to be lord of the manor of Fransham Parva [*temp.* Elizabeth].

Early Deeds relating to the Manors of Kirkhams and Wilcocks.*

1345, November 1.—Receipt by John de Kirckham for 12l., being the whole rent for lands &c. held by John Lestraunge on lease for three years.

1354, September 9.—Defeasance of a certain annual rent, in the event of the quiet enjoyment by John Lestraunge of all land, rents and services in Fransham Parva, Fransham Magna, Necton and Beeston, granted to him by John de Kirckham. *Remains of a Seal of Arms—3 lions rampant.*

1370, June 16.—Release by Geoffrey Sewale to Simon, parson of Fransham Magna, of all his right in all lands given him by Peter Lestraunge in the vills of Fransham Parva, Fransham Magna and Necton, and in Holbeach (co. Lincoln).

1371, December 15.—Grant by the said Simon to Sir John de Harsik, kt., Sir Roger de Welesham, kt., John Staple and three others, of the manors in the said vills and in those of Beeston and Whaplode and Fleet (co. Lincoln), once the property of John Lestraunge, and lately acquired by Simon from Philip de Carleton.

* And see p. 326.

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Essex.

1378-9, January 12.—Grant by the last grantees to Emma, widow of Sir Peter Lestraunge, kt., for her life, of the same premises. Also appointment of John de Pagrave their attorney, for conveying them to her. *Three Seals, one a very fine Seal of Arms—a saltire between 4 staples, the saltire charged in dexter chief with an annulet.* SIGILLUM JOHANNIS STAPLE.

1394-5, February 2.—Release by John Faukoner, rector of Little Cressingham, Henry de Pakenham and Thomas de Helghton to the said Emma of all their right in the manor of Fransham Parva, with the appurtenances there and in Fransham Magna, Necton, Beeston and Wendling; which premises they had of her feoffment. *Two Seals, one a very fine Seal of Arms—quarterly, in the first quarter an eagle displayed, over all a bendlet.* SIG' HENRICI DE PAKENHAM.

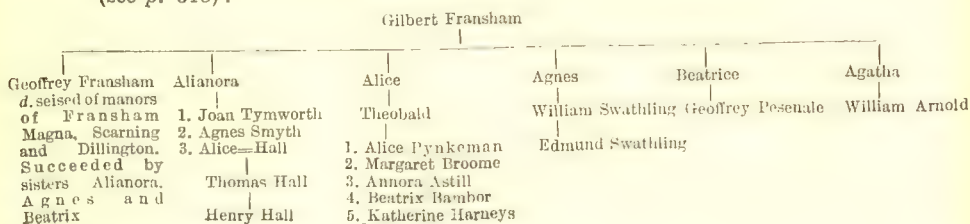
1485, December 4.—Lease by Edmund Gorges to Nicholas Mynne and John Stalworthy of his manors called Kirkhams and Wilcocks in Fransham Parva, and the leet at the Mills on the Moor. For 10 years, at the annual rent of 23 marks.

GREAT FRANSHAM and LITTLE FRANSHAM.

*Bailiffs' Account Rolls.** These rolls are for the manors of Kirkhams and Wilcocks (also called 'the manor of Fransham Parva') belonging to Sir William Oldhall, kt., and leased by him, throughout the period covered, at annual rents of 8*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* respectively—in 1432 to William Wiskard, and from 1440 onward to Walter Lexham and John Ballyston. Yearly courts baron were held for each manor, together with a court leet for Fransham Parva, and the court leet held at the Mills on the Moor in Fransham Magna. The rolls comprise also those portions of the manor of Fransham Magna acquired by Sir William from the descendants of Eleanor, Agnes and Beatrice, sisters of Geoffrey de Fransham.† As they throw a good deal of light upon the somewhat complicated descent of this manor, the accounts, in so far as they relate to such manor, have been extracted. They are for the following years (each for one year ending at Michaelmas):—

* And see pp. 328, 333.

† The following rough pedigree was evidently made for the purposes of the action between Arthur Capell and Nicholas Mynne in the year 1599 (see p. 318):—



- 1428.—Comprising 40s. rent from John Arnold and Ada Starling, 'for a certain parcel of the manor of Fransham Magna lately acquired by the lord from Henry Hall,' together with 4s. 5½d. annual rent in Dillington belonging to the same manor. *Earl of Essex.*
- 1430.—Comprising, in addition to the above, '10s. rent from Ada Starling for divers lands and tenements with rents held in fee simple there, acquired from John Cowper and Richard Shirlock,* together with 34s. 8d. for another parcel of the manor 'late of Geoffrey Pesenhall beyond 66s. 8d. paid to Edmund Swathing for the farm of the same.'
- 1432.—The same, save that 116s. 8d. was received in respect of the last-mentioned parcel of the manor 'late of Geoffrey Pesenhall' which was '*affirmata per dominum de hereditibus ejusdem.*'
- 1433.—The same, save that with the last item was included an annual rent of 13s. 4d. [in Dillington] belonging to that parcel of the manor.
- 1437, 1438, 1440, 1441, 1443.—These deal with the whole manor of Fransham Magna, the bailiff accounting each year for '16l. 13s. 4d. from John Blyford and John Large for the farm of the whole manor of Fransham Magna, which lately belonged to Geoffrey de Fransham, with the pourparties of Maud de Beeston† and John Timworth, co-heirs of two parts of a third part of the said manor divided [*i.e.* the third part] into three parts, viz. :—between the said Maud and John, and Henry Hall,‡ being [*i.e.* the two pourparties] in the farm of the lord by demise from the said Maud and John,' together with the lands and fee simple rents mentioned in the former rolls as being let for 10s. He also accounted for the 4s. 5½d. rent in Dillington acquired from Henry Hall, together with two sums of 13s. 4d., being rent in Dillington acquired from Geoffrey Pesenhall and Henry Sharrington (*jure uxoris*) respectively. In the years 1437 and 1438 an allowance was made to the farmers of the manor of the sum of 66s. 8d. 'paid by them to John Timworth and Maud de Beeston for the farm of their pourparties, being in the farm of the lord this year,' 33s. 4d. each. In the year 1440 only 33s. 4d. was allowed, in respect of the latter pourparty, while in the last two years no allowance was made.

* Feoffees of Geoffrey de Fransham, as appears from a deed, *supra*, p. 319.

† From the copy of an affidavit made March 20, 1488-9, it appears that part of the manor, once belonging to Maud de Beeston (*i.e.* a third of a third, not a third of the whole) was settled by John Crudd and Thomas Gent upon the marriage of Nicholas, son of John, with Katherine, daughter of Thomas.

‡ The representatives of Eleanor, as appears from the rough pedigree, *supra*. This excludes the possibility of Alice, the wife of Sir William Oldhall, having been, as Mr. Carthew supposed, a daughter of Eleanor.

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In the last three years there was another item of 4s. 5½d., being rent in Dillington acquired from John Timworth. The accounts for all five years include also the perquisites of courts baron and leet held for the manor of Fransham Magna.

Rentals: one for the half year ending Mich., 1644; and yearly rentals, 1780–1785, on a parchment roll.

Deeds relating to both manors:—

9–20 Henry VIII.—Bills of receipt (copies) of Lady Margaret Capell and Sir Giles Capell, kt., for Nicholas Mynne's rent of the manors of Little Fransham and Great Fransham.

1554–5, February 20.—Lease for 21 years by Sir Giles Capell, kt., to Edmund and Nicholas Mynne of his manors of Kirkhams and Wilcocks, with the leet at the Mills on the Moor (at the yearly rent of 15l. 13s. 4d.), and also his part of the manor of Great Fransham (at the yearly rent of 4l. 13s. 4d.).

GOODERSTONE.

Court rolls: Courts baron and leet for the years:—

Henry VI. 12–16.

Elizabeth, 1, 4, 5, 7, 9, 13. Drafts for 31–40, 42. 31 was the first court of Arthur Capell.

Similar courts held at *Oxburgh* (very short; on the same rolls as the last, and apparently for that part of the manor which extended there), for the years:—

Elizabeth. Drafts for 32–40. Arthur Capell, lord.

Courts leet held at *Clay* (on the same rolls as the last), for the years:—

Elizabeth. Drafts for 32–37, 39, 40. Arthur Capell, lord.

*Bailiffs' Account Rolls**; Henry VII. Mich. 22—Mich. 23, Henry VIII. Mich. 5—Mich. 6.

Extent of the manor, being a full rental and customary, 18 Richard II. (1395). It extended into Clay and Oxborough, there being 60 acres in the latter, held in villeinage. A parchment roll.

Rental,* made 22 Henry VI., Edmund de Grey, Lord Hastings, Weyford and de Ruthyn being then lord. A parchment roll.

BURGH ST. MARGARET.

Court Rolls: Courts baron for the years:—

Elizabeth, 31–40, 42 (drafts). 31 was the first of Arthur Capell.

SOUTH WOOTTON.

Court Rolls: Courts baron and leet for the year:—

Elizabeth, 42 (draft). Sir Arthur Capell, kt., lord.

* And see p. 328.

THE HUNDREDS OF EAST FLEGG AND WEST FLEGG.

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Roll of the Sheriff's Tourn.—34 Henry VIII. Held at Martham, in West Flegg. Sir John Joimy was sheriff.

EARLY DEEDS RELATING TO LAND IN NORFOLK.

Little Fransham. Forty-five undated [Henry III.—Edward II.]; two *temp.* Edw. I.; fifteen *temp.* Edward II.; twenty-one *temp.* Edward III.; one *temp.* Edward IV.; two *temp.* Henry VII.; three *temp.* Henry VIII.; one *temp.* Elizabeth; one *temp.* James I. The following may be noticed :—*(i.) [Henry III. or Edward I.]—Grant by Ralph son of Richard Witlether of East Bradenham and Walter his brother. *Very fine large circular Seal—an eagle displayed with inverted wings.* *SILL' RADULFI QUITLER . . .* (ii.) 1359, Sept. 13.—Grant by William Straunge to John, rector of the church of Fransham Parva. *Fine little Seal of Arms—2 barrulets between 6 martlets, 3, 2 and 1.* *S' JOH'IS DE ROTHING.*

Great Fransham. One *temp.* Edward II.; one *temp.* Edward III.; one *temp.* Elizabeth; one *temp.* James I.

Great and Little Fransham. One *temp.* Elizabeth.

The same, with Necton and Beeston. One *temp.* Elizabeth.

Great and Little Fransham and Scarning. One *temp.* Edward III.

Scarning. One *temp.* Edward III.

Hingham. One *temp.* Edward III.

Docking. One *temp.* Henry IV.

Gooderstone. One *temp.* Henry V.

THE HUNDRED OF FRETHAM.

13 Edward III., 1339.—Precept from R. de Causton, Sheriff of Norfolk, to the Chief Constables of the hundred to raise supplies for the naval forces under Lord Robert de Morley, Admiral of the King.

SUFFOLK.

ICKLINGHAM.

Court Rolls: Courts baron for the manor of *Icklingham Berners* (or *Icklingham Capell*) for the years :—

Richard II. 10. John Holand, Earl of Huntingdon, lord.

Elizabeth, 20. Drafts for 31–36, 38–40, 42. 31 was the first court of Arthur Capell.

* Sir William de Fransham was a witness to a deed of June 24, 1286, and to another of 30 Edward I. In an undated deed [*temp.* Edward I. ?] Thomas de Cali is mentioned as rector of Bradenham.

Earl of Essex. *Bailiffs' Account Rolls* for the same manor. Edward III. Epiphany 3—Mich. 10, Mich. 11—Mich. 20 (a few missing). John de Stonor was lord 3–4, John de Berners 7–15, and [his widow] Elizabeth de Berners 17–20; Henry IV. Mich. 2—Mich. 3. John Bryan, lord. Another (*temp.* John Holand, rector of Icklingham).

Rentals for the same manor; one made in 1613 (parchment roll), and yearly or half-yearly rentals from Mich. 1 Mary to Mich. 2 and 3 Philip and Mary, and Mich. 4 to Lady Day, 18 Elizabeth.

STONHAM ASPALL.

Court Rolls: Courts baron for the years:—

Elizabeth, 31–40 (drafts). 31 was the first court of Arthur Capell.

HERTFORDSHIRE, ESSEX, SUFFOLK, NORFOLK, NOTTINGHAM, &c.

1675.—Two identical paper books, containing a list of the 'Rents late in Mr. Sydenham's charge, being in Hertfordshire, Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, London and Derby town, belonging to his Excellency the Earle of Essex.' The estate comprised:—

Hertfordshire.—The manors of Walkern, Cashio, Park, Bushey and Hadham [Hall], the hundreds of Odsey and Edwinstree, the tithes of Watford, and rents in King's Langley and Pelham.

Essex.—The manors of Stebbing, Porter's Hall and Rayne Hall, with Blake End.

Suffolk.—The manor of Icklingham.

Norfolk.—The manors of Gooderstone, East Dereham, Great Fransham and Little Fransham.

Rents in London and Derby.

1678–1709.—Twenty paper books, containing half-yearly accounts of the same estates. The accounts are for the half-year ending Lady Day, 1679, the year ending Mich., 1680, from Lady Day, 1694, to Mich., 1702, and for the half-year ending Mich., 1709. The Lady Day books contain also yearly accounts of the Earl's estate in Nottinghamshire (*i.e.* the lands &c. once belonging to the Priory of Beauvale), there being also a further book containing these accounts for the year ending Pentecost, 1704.

Among the Cashio and Watford accounts occur the following items:—

1679.—'Received for a permission to bury Mrs. Finch in the chancel,' 13s. 4d.

1680.—'Paid for 81 barrells of beere,' 35*l.* 13s.

- 'Paid to the eight almes-women for 20 weeks,' 16*l.* *Earl of Essex.*
[Payments at a similar rate were continued to be made throughout the period covered by the accounts.]
- 'Paid to the trustees for the 4 almes-women and lecture house, and for the apprentices rent for half a year,' 51*l.* [This too is a regular item.]
- 'For 40 yards of cloath to make gownes for the 8 almes-women at Christmas,' 7*l.*
- 'For 8 hattes for the 8 almes-women at Christmas,' 2*l.*
[These two items occur annually.]
- 'For 10 dozen of candles,' 2*l.* 10*s.*
- 1695—'For coach hire from London to Watford,' 3*s.*
- 'To the coachman for carrying a box to London,' 1*s.* 6*d.*
- 'To Mary Beck for making hay two days,' 1*s.* 4*d.*
- 'Sarah Smith widow her bill for shooeing the dragoon horses,' 1*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.*
- 'For mending a portmantle,' 6*d.*
- 'Paid to my Lady for a Bongrace musselin &c. for my Lady Elizabeth Capell,' 1*l.* 2*s.*
- 'For ale, wine, cakes, bread, cheese, tobacco and pipes for people which went the procession' [of Cashio hamlet], 1*l.* 9*s.* 9*d.*
- 'Elizabeth Gytens her wages for one year,' 5*l.*
- 1697.—'To Elizabeth Gytens for seven women 43 days in making clean the house and washing linen,' 2*l.* 3*s.*
- 'For 19 pound of sope,' 7*s.* 11*d.*
- 'Mr. Ackres the gardiner his salary for half a year,' 90*l.*
- 'Henry Fenn for killing 19 dozen and ten moles,' 1*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.*
- 'Thomas Child the ratcatcher for one year,' 1*l.* 10*s.*
[A regular item.]
- 'For a horse for the gardiner 14 days,' 9*s.* 4*d.*
- 'Received for a permission to bury one of my Lady Wheeler's children in the chauncell,' 13*s.* 4*d.*
- 'For provision for a Dutchman,' 9*s.* 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*
- 'For sweeping four chimneys,' 3*s.*
- 'Received of Mr. Marsh for burying one of his relations in the chauncell,' 13*s.* 4*d.*
- 'For 17 young partridges and a hen,' 1*l.* 12*s.*
- 'For a buckskinne coat for William Wilson,' 4*l.* 3*s.* 5*d.*
- 'To pay for seven coach horses,' 200*l.*
- 'To William Peirce for digging a well,' 2*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*
- 'For a grey stone-horse,' 53*l.* 15*s.*
- 'For a pair of shooes and stockings for James Guiny,' 7*s.* 10*d.*
- 'For a coat and a pair of breeches for James Guiny,' 2*l.* 8*s.* 11*d.*
- 'Paid to Roger Hull a tax for the birth of my Lady Mary Capell,' 15*l.* 2*s.*

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- 1701.—‘For 30 gallons of clarett,’ 8*l.* 14*s.*
 ‘John Pope the baker his bill for bread, flower &c.’ 87*l.* 11*s.*
 ‘Henry Tredway his bill for butter and other things,’
 43*l.* 15*s.*
 ‘John Baldwin his bill for milk, eggs &c.’ 6*l.* 15*s.*
 ‘Nathaniel Neal his three bills for shopp goods, candles
 and dogges’ meat,’ 140*l.* 14*s.*
 ‘John Butler the butcher his bill,’ 110*l.*
 ‘My Lord’s gift towards the Altarpiece,’ 10*l.*
 1702.—‘The apothecary his bill for physick,’ 32*l.* 15*s.*

CAMBRIDGE.

DITTON VALENCE.

Account Rolls of the Bailiffs of the manor ;* Edward III. Mich. 41—Mich. 42, Henry le English, lord ; Richard II. Mich. 22—Mich. 23, Edmund Oldhall, lord. In the latter roll occur the two following items :—‘for makeing j kertyl for the lady,’ 6*d.* ; ‘in lynnenclothe bought for j toga for the lord,’ 20*d.*

BEDFORDSHIRE.

LANDS OF THE HOSPITAL OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM.†

A paper book entitled ‘A brief abstract of the Court Rolls of the Manors of Steppingley, Tingryffe [Tingrith], Temple Millbrook, Husborne Crawley, Wavendon [in Buckinghamshire], Flitwick, Maulden, Marston, Wootton, Pillinge Eversholt, Milton Bryant, Apsley Guise, Silvesho [Silsoe], Flitton, Greenfield, Pulloxhill, Bramanger, Barton in the Clay and Limbury [Limbury].’ In reality, however, these were not all separate manors, but merely small estates in the various parishes, for which only two courts were held, one comprising the first twelve (from Steppingley to Apsley Guise), and the other the remaining seven. The former court was entitled ‘Steppingley,’ or ‘Steppingley *cum membris*,’ the latter ‘Silvesho,’ or ‘Silvesho *cum membris*,’ but in both cases the names of some or all of the other places represented were sometimes added.

For *Steppingley* there are Courts baron and leet for the years :—

Henry VII. 13, 21, 23. Courts of the prior.

Henry VIII. 3, 20, 21, 25, 30, 34, 38. 30 was the court of Sir Richard Long, kt., and Margaret, his wife.

Edward VI. 2.

Philip and Mary, 4 and 5. The court of John, Earl of Bath, and Margaret, his wife, late the wife of Sir Richard Long, kt.

* See also p. 333.

† See *Letters and Papers, Henry VIII.*, XV, 613 (1) ; XVI. 1391 (23). They belonged to the Preceptory of Shengay.

Elizabeth, 2, 5, 8, 10, 29, 31, 41. 8 was the first court of *Earl of Essex*.
Henry, son and heir of Sir Richard Long, kt.

For *Silsoe* there are similar courts for most of these years, and also for :—

Edward I. 8–10. Leets only.

Richard II. 18–22.

Henry V. 9.

Henry VI. 1, 13, 14.

These from 18 Richard II. were Courts of the Prior, the subsequent lords being the same as those of Steppingley. 41 Elizabeth was the court of Lady Dorothy Morrison, widow.

WARDEN.

Survey of Warden Park Field and other pastures there in the tenure of Charles Morrison, parcel of the demesnes of the dissolved monastery of Warden; 1577. The Park Field contained 395 acres, and the pastures 412½ acres. Paper book of 4 pages.

DEVONSHIRE.

BRAUNTON.

Court Rolls: 'Curiae Legales' for the manor of *Braunton Gorges*, for the years :—

Henry VI. 38, 39.

SOMERSET, DORSET AND GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Bailiffs' Account Rolls for the following manors :—

Somerset :—Wington, Ubley, Aldwick in Butcombe, Claverham in Yatton, Winterhead, North Curry, Thorn Falcon, Wells, Angers Leigh.

Dorset :—Child Okeford.

Gloucestershire :—Aust.

from Mich. 30 Elizabeth to Mich. 12 Charles I., save the years ending Mich. 1, 3, 4, 6, 8–11 Charles I. The accounts for the year ending Mich. 31 Elizabeth comprise also an estate in Bristol.

Bailiffs' Account Roll for the manor of *Wington*, containing a full rental. Mich. 5—Mich. 6 Edward IV.

Early Deed, being a grant on August 29, 1341, by John Capel, of Peddington* to John Sley of Berkeley, Co. Gloucester, and Julia his wife, of a parcel of land lying in Homhemefeldet† in the *cultura* called Brerieforlong, for their lives and the life of the survivor, at the yearly rent of 4s.

* Just south of Berkeley.

† Hamfield, near Peddington.

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VARIOUS COUNTIES.

THE ESTATES OF WILLIAM, LORD FERRERS DE GROBY.

Account Roll of his Receiver in Essex, Nottingham and Warwick. Mich., 1420,—Mich., 1423; relating to Stebbing and Woodham in Essex, Kinoulton and Cropwell (Crophill) in Nottingham, and Exhall (Eccleshale) in Warwick, near Coventry. A sum of 12*l.* was paid to the King for the farm of two parts of the manor of Cropwell.

Account Rolls of his Receiver in Essex and Bedford. Two rolls, Mich., 1426,—Mich., 1428; relating to Stebbing, Woodham and Latchley in Essex, and Stopsley and Chalkwell* in Bedford.

The expenses in the former year included:—12*d.* on January 2, going from Groby to Astley to talk with Lord de Grey [de Ruthyn] about the marriage of Elizabeth Ferrers [with his younger son, Edward]; 5*s.* 9*d.* going to Coleshill with two others on March 12 to discuss with William Mountefort various business of Lord Ferrers in connection with the marriage, and 2*s.* 6*d.* for writing the one part of various indentures between Lord de Grey and Lord Ferrers concerning the same marriage. Also 11*s.* 1*d.* going to London for 3 weeks and 4 days in Hillary term to consult with the counsel of Lord Grey de Wilton concerning the marriage of Margaret Ferrers; 5*s.* 9*d.* for a journey to Essex on a like errand on June 17, and 20*d.* for writing a charter &c. for 'Lord de Grey and Margaret his wife.' Also 14*d.* the expenses of John Ferrers on the first night of his arrival from foreign parts, and the following articles bought for Anne Ferrers:—a pair of 'templys' (an instrument used in weaving, for stretching the cloth upon the box), 2*s.* 4*d.*; a *cista*, 16*d.*; 'j. plyce de umple,' 6*s.*; 'ij. plyces de plesaunce' ('plights' or 'lengths' of lawn), 4*s.*; a quarter of gold foil, 12*d.*; a comb and a glass, 12*d.*; various necessities, 10*s.*; given to her, 3*s.* 4*d.*, and paid for her table 45*s.* 4*d.*

The receipts in the latter year include:—two sums of 20*l.* from Lord Grey de Ruthyn, in the Easter and Michaelmas terms respectively, in respect of the marriage of Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Henry Ferrers, deceased [the only son of William, Lord Ferrers], and 66*s.* 8*d.*, part of 20*l.* granted by the parson at Brington towards the marriage of Lady de Grey de Wilton. The expenses include 2*s.* 6½*d.* for the making by the lord's counsel of a defeasance upon an obligation for 1,000 marks, whereby the lord was bound to Lord de Grey de Wilton, in respect of the marriage of Margaret his wife, 3*s.* 6*d.* for riding on March 7 from Groby to Shirland to receive seisin of the manor of Shirland, &c., to the use of Lord de Grey [de Wilton] and his wife, and two sums of 33*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and 20*l.* paid to Lord Grey de Wilton in the Easter and Michaelmas terms respectively.

* There is a Chalk Hill close to Stopsley.

THE ESTATES OF SIR WILLIAM OLDHALL, KNT.

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Essex.*

Receiver's Account Roll for the year ending Michaelmas, 1428, comprising the receipts from the farmers or bailiffs of the following manors :—

Norfolk.—Oldhall or Brokeshall in Dersingham, Narford, Bodney, Ryburgh Parva, Calthorpe, Fransham Parva and Fransham Magna ('the pourparty of the manor,' included in the account of the bailiff of Fransham Parva).

Lincoln.—South Ormsby, Laceby.

Yorkshire.—Skipwith.

With receipts from the messor of Stibbard co. Norfolk, the collectors at Somercotes co. Lincoln and Ditton Valence co. Cambridge, and in respect of some pasture at Witheall co. Lincoln.

Among the receiver's accounts is the following :—'Paid to John Alderford and Alice, his wife, in payment of a certain annuity for the life of Alice, granted for the manor of Fransham Parva,' 10*l*.

THE ESTATES OF THOMAS, LORD ELLESMERE.

1609-1616.—*Six Account Rolls* of Richard Cartwright containing accounts of rents received and fee farm rents paid in respect of the following :—

Northamptonshire.—The manor of Wollaston.

Bedfordshire.—The rectory of Houghton.

Warwickshire.—The rectory of Kington.

Shropshire.—The tithes of Ness.

Hertfordshire.—The fishings of Redbourn and Hemel Hempstead.

Buckinghamshire.—The rectory of Wingrave (1609-1613 only).

THE ESTATES OF BAPTIST, VISCOUNT CAMPDEN, &c.

1628-1676.—*Thirty Deeds*, chiefly settlements (and deeds incidental thereto) made upon and after the second and third marriages of his daughter and co-heir Mary, widow of Sir Charles Morrison, with Sir John Cooper, bart., and Edward Alford respectively. They relate to manors and lands in the counties of Hertford, Somerset, Wilts, Gloucester, Chester, Rutland, Warwick, Lincoln, Worcester, Leicester, Durham and Middlesex. Together with a few *Rentals* and *Surveys*.

II.—MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS.

An INDENTURE relating to ARMOUR and other goods of HUMPHREY DE BOHUN, EARL OF HEREFORD.

1322, June 19.—*Hec est indentura facta in[ter] Nicholaum de la Beche militem nuper custodem castri de Plessi et Johannem le Porter de Stebbinge de quibusdam bonis que*

Earl of Essex. fuerunt Humfridi de Bohoun, comitis Herfordie, in predicto castro existentibus per predictum dominum Nicholaum eidem Johanni le Porter liberatis die Sabbati proxima ante festum Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis Edwardi quintodecimo, videlicet, j. capella ferrea, j. heuma ferrea pro turniamento, xij. basinettes, vij. alquitenes [?], j. pare cooperturarum ferrearum ad equum, xij. haberjoniis, ij. haberjoniis cum ij. paribus calciamentorum pro turniamento, j. pare de gussens et j. heuma pro turniamento, j. pare de brasers, j. pare de guyssens et j. pare de jambers que fuerunt Johanni de Bohoun, ij. paria de maniculis de mayle, ij. scuta de armis Herefordie, j. basinette coreo coopertum, j. basinette, j. bokelarium, j. fraellum de coreo, ij. cofferis pro armuris imponendis, j. arcus Sarseney [Saracen], et iij. alie arkus manuales, ij. hachez Daney, viij. baliste de vyis, iiij. baliste ad pedem ejusdem sectis, j. balista ad pedem de balayne [whalebone], viij. baliste lignee ad pedem, vj. baudres et j. baudre sine croco, ix. quivers cum quarellis, lvj. quarelle ad pringols, iiij. duodene minutarum sagittarum, j. sella pro palefrie cum babeweria de ibornio cum cropera et freno de rubeo serico, j. sella de Almanica cum cropero et freno de Ynde serico, j. vetus sella cum iij. popingayis cum j. vetere freno, iiij. guysettes veteres de serico cum diversis schuchonibus, viij. gyssettes veteres de serico de Inde, xij. guysettes veteres de rubio serico et viridi, j. pare botares de cordewane botonnez, j. pelvis de Ispania, j. mangnum speculum depictum, j. infante de petra, j. arcus de balayne vocatus stanbowe, j. cista sub sigillo supradicti Nicholai et Roberti atte Lee in qua est unum forsarium sigillatum sigillo ejusdem Nicholai in quo continentur, j. spervarium de serico Jannue cum bordura de rubio serico, j. spervarium de filo tannato, j. escouge [?] coopertum de filo aureo et serico cum albis perlis, j. urlura pro curtuno lectis de xlviij. scuchonibus de diversis armis, j. rochettes [a cloak] et j. camisa linei tele et plura exemplaria ad suendam, j. rotulus de diversis cantibus. Et preterea continentur in predicta sista pluria minuta minnimi valoris, Item iij. ciste et iij. cofere vacue, j. culsitra plumalis [feather bed] cooperta linea tela cum uno auriculari [pillow] ejusdem sectis, j. culsitra plumalis cooperta sirico tannato cum j. auriculari ejusdem sectis, j. parvum forsarium cum diversis transcriptis, j. litera depicta que facta fuit pro Comite, xiiij. lancee rotunde pro justes et ij. lancee, xxiiij. lancee plenarie facte sine ferro et xij. lancee semiplenefacte sine ferro, xij. lancee pro dars semiplenefacte sine ferro, iiij. pecie ferree pro uno pavelone, ij. olle enee minime valoris pro lavandria, j. furca ferrata pro igne, ij. botelli plumbi, j. sadellum coopertum de velvetto, j. patella ferrea pro carbonibus importandis, v. barelli ferrati, j. olla enea vocata humforey, j. olla enea vocata wynter, iiij. olle enee de holeydia, ij. olle enee debiles, ij. parve olle enee, j. chafoun [?] enee, ij. cacab [?], viij. patelle quarum ij. debiles,

j. patella ferrea ad fricandum, ij. mortaria enea cum ij. pilis *Earl of*
 ferreis, j. craticula, ij. magne tripodes, j. mortarium lapidenum, *Essex.*
 ij. muncelli tegularum de Flandria, j. dolium calcee, Item
 quedam pars meremii veteris aule de Badew [Baddow].

A PLEDGING OF JEWELS.

1489, April 17.—Indenture whereby Sir William Capell, kt. and alderman, advanced 8*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* to Symond Garardson, goldsmith, on the security of 'the juelles following, that is to say iiij. ringes of golde sette with iiij. rubies and iiij. ringes of golde sette with diamondes whereof ij. be pointed diamondes and ij. be table diamondes,' the money to be repaid on August 16. *Signed*, Symond Garardson.

MINISTER'S ACCOUNTS OF PETERBOROUGH MONASTERY.

'A *Valor* of the whole of the late monastery at Peterborough,' made 31 Henry VIII. ; in a paper book of 13 leaves. The clear yearly value, after deducting the sum of 256*l.* 17*s.* 10½*d.* for reprisals, was 1,746*l.* 15*s.* 3½*d.*, or 67*l.* less than that given in the *Valor Ecclesiasticus* of 1535. The items of receipt and expenditure tally fairly well in the main with those in the earlier *Valor*, the chief points in which these post-Dissolution accounts differ being the following :—They include a sum of 7*l.* 7*s.* rent received from *Overton* with *Botolph's Bridge* (Bottil-bridge) co. Huntingdon, a sum of 33*s.* 4*d.* for a fishery on the *Welland* co. Northampton, and a sum of 2*s.* 4*d.* for a fishery at *Upwell* co. Norfolk, the last being appropriated to the cellarer. Nothing is reckoned for the site of the Abbey, which before was valued at 55*l.* 3*s.* 10*d.* The items of expenditure represented by the alms perpetual and otherwise, the purchase of wax and oil, and the salaries of the two attorneys, which together amounted to 92*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.* in 1535, are absent. The rents appropriated to the various officers of the monastery are given in detail under the separate headings of the various estates where they accrued, and the several totals differ considerably from the amounts given in the earlier *Valor*, that of the bursar being 22*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.*, as against 7*l.* 11*s.* 1½*d.* formerly, and that of the almoner 17*l.* 2*s.* 9½*d.*, as against 28*l.* 3*s.* 4½*d.* It appears too that the rent of 5*l.* 19*s.* 1*d.* in *Northborough* was appropriated to the chamberlain and those of 8*l.* 5*s.* 11*d.* in *Southorpe* and *Walcot*, and 11*l.* 8*s.* 11½*d.* in *Gunthorpe* to the bursar, while the rent of 5*l.* in *Paston* was appropriated to the sacristan, that of 5*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.* in *Maxey* to the almoner, and that of 40*l.* 13*s.* 1*d.* in *Alwalton* to the cellarer. Of the rent of 15*l.* 5*s.* 1½*d.* in *Sutton* 14*l.* 16*s.* 9½*d.* was appropriated to the almoner, 6*s.* 8*d.* to the bursar, and 1*s.* 8*d.* to the cellarer, while the whole rents of *Pilsgate*, *Pokebrook*, *Clopton*, *Lullington*, *Gosberkirk*, *Fletton* and *Grantham* belonged to the convent, as opposed to the abbot. John, Lord Russel, was capital seneschal in Northamptonshire in place of Thomas, Earl of

Earl of Rutland, and Edward, Lord Clinton, was bailiff of the liberty of the monastery in place of John, Lord Hussey. The majority of the bailiffs were different men, and in the case of nearly all of them their salaries were reduced.

[SIR RICHARD MORRISON] to the PRIVY COUNCIL.

1552, August 31. Augsburg.—The 25th of this month certain of the Emperor's Council came into the town house of Augusta, where the magistrates of this city sit in council, and told them that, though the Emperor meant to observe such peace as he had made with Duke Maurice, and meant no cumbering of any man's religion, yet, forasmuch as Duke Maurice and others had without any authority put out such councillors as his Majesty left in office at his departing hence, his Majesty's pleasure was that such should bear office as were set in by him and such should be put out as Duke Maurice had put in. And as all such preachers as were banished this town were now returned, he was content they should tarry and preach according to the confession of Augusta saving three, which for just crimes he could suffer no longer here. This made the people of this town so amazed that the Emperor was fain to set up a proclamation forbidding all men to talk of these matters. For in very deed his Majesty did break the privileges granted to free cities when he put out such magistrates as were rightly chosen, and not Duke Maurice, who willed the city to take again councillors of their own choice.

In Hungary the Turks have slain thirteen thousand Christians.

The Marquis will for no offers leave his master, the French King, nor take peace with the Emperor but when the French King shall will him. It is said he now sets about to batter the Bishop of Treves' castle upon the hill at Confluence, which is or may be made one of the strongest holds in all Germany.

The Turks' navy made towards Cape Faro (the Pharo), and gave men to understand they would away, for at Sicily they sold to the Viceroy for 15,000 crowns such Dutch soldiers as they took with the 7 galleys, reserving il Signor Madruccio and other captains and gentlemen prisoners. While they were there the French navy came in sight, 28 galleys, well furnished with good soldiers, and thus the Turks' navy and the French galleys are both gone towards Naples.

Last year the preachers were turned out of this town the 26th of August, and this year three of them are turned out the 25th of August. The people mourn not so much the going away of their preachers, seeing M. Cardus and six others are left, as they do the change of their magistrates. These two alterations have bred sore heart-burnings. The Emperor's soldiers are so mean that he will never enter the field with them if the Marquis be where he may come to him. They have now changed their talk, and, seeing the Marquis will not

fly, they say it is not the Emperor's honour to go in person against a marquis his vassal, against a *fallite*, against one that has made 'banck rott,' &c. He leaves this to the magistrates to choose their new preachers, willing them to choose Protestants; but he knows good Catholics will never choose for their preachers right Protestants.

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The Prince of Plewe, who lodges in Herbert's house, has sent his man post to the King, both misliking this alteration for that his master's honour is somewhat touched in it, and for that he is fully persuaded Duke Maurice will not now into Hungary. For if he had no great haste to enter into so many perils before, it is like enough he will catch hold of so honest an excuse as these the Emperor's doings do offer him. Herbert has always been in good favour with the King of the Romans, for that he has at sundry times served him with great sums of money; the King at this present owes him 100,000 crowns. And at this time there has been wonderful shifting for money. The Fuggers have lent so much a good while since that they can lend no whit more. Shorer says the Emperor owes them a good deal above two millions of gold.

Our Dutch and Spanish captains do hardly agree; there wanted very little of late that there was not a foul fray in the town. The Emperor's Council, or rather, Erasso, who, as Doctor Hasius, the President of Luxemburg, said openly at my table, *solus omnia agit et solus vult omnia agere*, appointed Spaniards to muster the Dutch bands, which so chafed the Dutch captains that they had like to have fallen together by the ears with the Spaniards.

Upon Friday last the Duke of Saxony did my house the honour to dine with me and to bring with him the Count of Swarthberg and the Baron of Holnersteng with his Chancellor and certain others, to whom I made as good cheer as I could. The Duke said that this was a matter not well handled to make Spaniards the musterers of Almain, and said it was told him that Erasso riding among them had his cap struck off by an Almain captain, and that if he had not ridden the better worse might have happened. This town is so afraid that there will be some bickering among them that they would give large sums of money to have the Emperor gone; but the Duke of Alva, who should have gone hence last Thursday, is here yet, and now no talk of his going. Our things wax here every day colder, we being so plied with talk of the Marquis' strength that our going towards Flanders seems quite dashed. M. de Thermes has 9,000 men with him, and has sent to the Duke of Florence that he shall declare himself either Imperial or French.

The Duke's Ambassador had promised to dine with me yesterday, I having the Venetian Ambassador and the Duke of Ferrara with me. The Florentine had letters from the Duke his master in the morning, and sent his secretary to me; he was in a great chafe with the news, but told me that the

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French King promised the Duke his friendship if he would become a neuter. He told me the Duke had spent last year and this year above 300,000 crowns in serving the Emperor's necessities, in hope one day both rightly and quietly to enjoy the Count of Piombins' State. He has all the fortresses of it in his hands, paying the Count a rent by the Emperor's appointment, but the Count always protests that he does not consent to forego his State. The Emperor has provided him no recompense that he would accept, and those of Genoa will in no wise agree that the Duke of Florence should be lord of Piombins. It lies so upon the seas that being in his hands he might have customs of as many Genoese ships as should pass that way. While the Duke sends to the Emperor to know what he shall do, M. de Thermes is about a castle belonging to Siena, lying upon the sea, wherein there are 150 Spaniards. And it is thought they will hold out but a while. Those of Siena have taken in gift their town and liberty from the French King by his letters patent, whereof I have seen the copy. It is thought they will give the French leave to make up the fort again and to be there to see them defended from the Emperor's violence.

At Naples of late a conspiracy is come to light, and thirty of the richest citizens are in prison like to lose their heads; and yet some think the most part of the city as worthy to die as the thirty. They say Salerno was not yet landed, but comes now in one of those 28 French galleys, and that upon his landing there will be enough French that are taken now for Imperials.

Yesterday the Venetian Ambassador told me he was with the Emperor two days before and found him a weak man and scarce able to speak; he was fain three times to desire his Majesty to say things again because he could not understand him. Yesterday he was at a very secret conference with his Council, allowing none of his Privy Chamber to be so nigh him as in the Chamber of Presence. The Ambassador of Ferrara told me it was thought he would back again to Innsbruck and so into Italy. The Bastard of Bavaria has been often going into Italy, and often called back again; it is said he will now to Piacenza, and have with him ten ensigns. They of Piacenza need to be afraid of none that are without their city, it being counted one of the strongest towns in all Italy. The Cardinal Farnese was one of the chief workers at Siena, and it is thought Ottavio will not be idle if he may not be occupied at Piacenza. Some suppose if Florence continue Imperial the French will not fail to give his subjects good occasion to attempt the recovery of their liberty. He has 2,000 men at Piombins, 8,000 at a place of his called Stagia, and 600 Spaniards in his new fort, San Minato. He keeps 600 Italians in the city, 200 before his house, 200 in the old castle, and 200 in a new fortress which he has made of late. Others think if he will either become French or sit as neuter

Naples cannot but shortly be brought from the Emperor into the French King's hands. He has like a short time to make his deliberation, for his Ambassador has been with D'Arras and the Duke of Alva in great and earnest conferences. His secretary said to me I might chance to hear that the Duke would either seek his money lent and laid out or else cause the Emperor to see his title amended in the State of Piombino; to pay for it and yet to hold it by force seemed to him no good bargain.

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Don Diego is still at Florence; he does not cease to charge the Duke with the loss of Siena, and this because 500 of the Duke's soldiers got into the new fort of Siena, and would not after keep it. Don Diego says there were both victuals, shot and powder enough to have served either till new might have come, or the enemy have been driven away.

The Bishop of Rome has made 2,000 men in Rome; his nuncio tells D'Arras it is to guard his city of Rome; others think that Cardinal di Monte will deserve some increase of his pension, and then the Bishop must also give a push or two at the Emperor ere he fall. For as Cardinal Monte will, so will the fleshy Bishop as long as Monte shall be no honestier than the Bishop means to have him. The Italians commit foul rapes in this country where they go, and such abominations as are not to be named. The Spaniards lie at Friburg, a town of the Duke of Bavaria's within a Dutch mile of this city; the harms that they have done amount to great sums of money.

The Duke of Bavaria is gone to Memmingen to the Duke of Wirtemberg, as some say to end the long strife there has been between the King of the Romans and the Duke. The King has need of money and will now for a reasonable sum give up his claim of forfeits. Others say the Palsgrave sends to them his Ambassadors, and that they three mean to make up a league of defence, which opinion is thought the truest.

I think the Constable of France reaches his practises out of Europe into Africa. For it is said Africa (?), the town for which the Turk began his war with the Emperor, has had some broil in it, for that in 15 or 16 months the soldiers have had no penny paid them; for this they have killed their chieftain there, a Spaniard much esteemed of the Emperor. Our soldiers die now there is no cold, it is thought for hunger or for drinking too much water; this day they have received a part of their wages. The Emperor has had much ado to make this pay. The Marquis has made the Bishops of Germany so bare, and so spoiled the Abbots that they are neither able to give nor lend him anything. The Princes have little left. All men think the Emperor's good fortune quite ended. He has dried up the wells of Spain; those of Genoa have lent him as much as they will; the revenues of Naples will not serve the charges for the wars there, and if anything were left in Sicily it were better left there than lost by the way. The

Earl of Essex. revenues of Milan are too few for the expenses there, as Ferrante reckons. The revenues of Flanders are consumed where they grow, the Queen being able to spare her brother nothing for his doings here. Now that the Fuggers dare meddle no more with him he finds not a merchant here that will lend him upon his letter more than he is content to give or willing to lose.

I had forgotten when I spoke of the 7 galleys to shew your Honours that the Turks found of their countrymen slaves there whose ears and noses their governors had cut off because they would not row; hearing of this, they took those that used this cruelty and cut off their ears and noses, arms and feet, and wrote upon paper upon their breasts: 'thus be they handled that show cruelty to Turks.' They set part of them aland in Sicily and part in Italy. $8\frac{1}{4}$ pp.

SIR HENRY COCKE to CHARLES MORRISON.

1584, October 27.—Soliciting the support of his candidature in the Parliamentary election then pending. *Signed.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.

The EARL OF LEICESTER to the COUNTY OF HERTFORD.

1587, June 8. Leicester House.—For the levying of 150 men to serve in the Low Countries. *Copy.* $1\frac{1}{4}$ pp. [See *Calendar of State Papers, Domestic*, 1581–1590, 416.]

SIR HENRY COCKE to HENRY CAPELL.

1587, November 18.—' . . . This day I had a letter from Mr. Fooke Grevill, from [La] Rochelle, who writeth unto me that the King of Navar had a most prosperous day against Duke Joyons, when the Duke with his brother . . . Aubigeons and many others were slain. Mons. de Bella Garde, Governor of Angoulesme, and of Xantoinge [Saintogne], Mons. de St. Luke, Governor of Brovage, and Mons. de Pyenne, were taken prisoners, and all the baggage and artillery taken, 21 cornets of horsemen slain and 19 taken, and 39 ensigns of foot slain, and not above 20 of the King of Navar's part slain.' 1 p.

LETTERS concerning MUSTERS in HERTFORDSHIRE.

1587, April 13–1588, April 20.—Ten letters (including the last), five of them from Sir Henry Cocke to Henry Capell, one from Sir Henry Cocke and Sir Philip Boteler to the same, and two from Sir Francis Knollys to the same. The remaining two are addressed to Thomas Leventhorp, the High Sheriff, and various justices of the peace (including Henry Capell) by Sir Henry Cocke and Sir Henry Cocke and Sir Philip Boteler respectively. Henry Capell had charge of the Hundreds of Odsey and Edwinstree.

SIR HENRY COCKE and SIR PHILIP BOTELER to HENRY CAPELL, *Earl of Essex.*
JOHN GILL and THOMAS BOWES.

1587, December 29. Hertford.—Directing them, in accordance with instructions from the Privy Council, to enquire of all men within the hundreds of Edwinstree and Odsey who served in the Low Countries during the summer under Captain Swayne, whether they have received their full wages from him; there having been great complaint throughout the country with regard to the non-payment of the men's wages by various captains. All who assert that they have not been paid to be sent up for examination to the Council. *Signed.* 1½ pp.

THE EARL OF LEICESTER to the HIGH SHERIFF and the JUSTICES OF THE PEACE of the County of Hertford.

1587[–8], January 31. The Court.—Instructing them to make enquiry of all disorders and misdemeanours committed by any purveyor or carrier of commission for any provision for the service of the Queen's house, and also as to what sums of money any person can claim by specialties for provisions taken and not paid for since the fifteenth year of her Majesty's reign; and recommending their attendance before the officers of the Green Cloth with a view to arranging some composition in respect of provisions for the future. *Signed.* 1 p.

LORD BURGHLEY to SIR CHARLES MORRISON.

1588, September 19. The Court.—Soliciting his favour in the coming Parliamentary election on behalf of his son Robert Cecill. *Signed.* ½ p.

MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS.

[About 1590.]—A laudatory poem in her memory, written in a very neat hand, and consisting of 21 couplets of Latin elegiacs. *Signed:* 'H. N. Gemens.' 3 pp.

A BILL OWED BY EDWARD CAPELL.

1591.—Enclosed by Elizabeth Syddall in a letter to his brother Arthur Capell, with notes by the latter. The items include:—'makeing of iiij. falenbandes and bottenes and struges and starching of them,' 1s.; 'starching of vj. falen bands for you,' 6d.; 'a yard and a quarter of lane at ixs. a yard,' 11s. 4d.; 'seting together of that band and a boten and a strug and starching of it and a band clothe,' 1s. 6d.; 'washing of ix. stockes for you and iiij. for your man,' 2s.; 'your diat and your mane's for x. wikes and ij. dayse at vjd. a mele for you and iiijd. a mele for youre man,' 2l. 9s.; 'your chambar to beds and shetes for x. wikes at vj.s. viij.d. a wike,' 3l. 6s. 8d.; 'a per of cortenes that you spoyled' (*note below:* 'the cortenes cost ij.l. vj.s. viij.d.');

Earl of Essex. 'a cloke that you hade awaye of my hosbondes that was lined with sylk bombasy throuout,' 2*l.* At the end is written:—
'I have forborne these mony abovefe a yeare; I strouste your worshipes will consider of it. I have bene a charges for the arestinge of him a vj.s. viij.d. and to my grete hindrances.' 1 *p.*

The DEBTS of the EARL OF SUSSEX.

1593, November 9.—A schedule of 'parte of suche the said Erle his dettes as Sir William Russell, kt., Sir Charles Moreson, kt., Robert Boteler, esquire, and Edward Anlabye, his feoffees in truste therfor shall stand charged with according to the trewe meaning of the conveyance therabout.' They amount to 2,523*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.*; among the items are the following:—

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
To Mr. Roger Abdaye, wolling draper of London, for blackes at the funeralls of the late Countisse, my wife, besides three hundred poundes therof. And for a remaine before dewe	900	0	0
To Mr. Campiro, berebrewer	137	6	4
To Mr. Stone, mercer in Cheapside	150	0	0
To Blackley, my baker, of Debtford or Grenewich	17	0	0
To Miles Wilkinson, baker, of Southwarke, for horsebread for my horses at Barmondsye	30	1	0
To Lancelot, the imbroderer for starres	6	3	8
To Kettlewode, my appothecarye, as well for appotecarye ware as his paines heretofore taken	40	0	0
To Darley, baker of Westminster, for howsehold breade and horsebreade	7	0	0
To Thomas Wager, gardener of Newehall, for his wages upon accompte	20	0	0
To Pryme's widdowe gardener of Barmondsie, upon accompte	10	0	0
To Mrs. Pierpoint, the appottecarye, upon accompte	28	0	0
To Mr. Harmier, scholemaster, of Winchester, for lytle Roger Radcliffe	13	13	4

Signed: 'Sussex.' Parchment roll.

Some REMEDIES for the AILMENTS OF HORSES.

[Early 17th century.]—'Trane oyle and vinyger, the best thinge in the worlde for a nue strane; it must bee clapt on as hot as cann bee.

For sinnow [sinew] sprane, take a peck of glovers shreds, as much groundes of ale as shall kiver them, and as much more. Let these boyle till they come a gelly. Then pare awaye the hare and noint him with the jelly, and binde a cloth about it,

and rest him three dayes. Afterwardes gett a quantity of boke almanick, wine viniger and bene flower, and clap that one him and so tourne him to grass. *Earl of Esser.*

‘For the staggers, take *aqua-vite* tow sponfulls, tow cloves of garlick, hogs grease in each eare the quantity of a hasell nutt, these mingled and soed up in woll and tied at the bottom with fukell, and so lett him rest fore and twenty howers.’ 1 p.

AN APPRECIATION and VINDICATION of [ROBERT CECIL,
EARL OF SALISBURY].

[1612, July.]—A lengthy tract addressed by [Sir Walter Cope] to the King. *Contemporary copy.* 17½ pp. [Printed in *extenso* in Gutch’s *Collectanea Curiosa*, I. 119. See also *Calendar of State Papers, Domestic*, 1611–1618, 138, where John Chamberlain speaks of having been promised a copy by Sir Walter Cope, who ‘hath given divers of them abroad.’]

THOMAS ALURED to the MARQUIS OF BUCKINGHAM.

[1620, June.]—Concerning the Spanish match. *Signed.* 11 pp. [There is a copy of this among the State Papers; see *Calendar of State Papers, Domestic*, 1619–1623, 150.]

DIRECTIONS for Preventing the Further Dispersing of the
PLAGUE in the PARTS ABOUT LONDON.

1625, July 19.—Addressed by [Sir] Randolph Crewe, Lord Chief Justice, [Sir] Henry Hobart, Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, and [Sir] Thomas Coventry, Attorney-General, to the Justices of the Peace. Ordering them to restrain the receiving of inmates and lodgers and the coming of new inhabitants from London, or, in the case of any such having already come, ‘that neither he nor anie from him resorte to London nor receave or returne any personnes, stuffe or comodities to or from London.’ Also ‘that alehouses be suppressed as much as is possible, and where anie shall be thought fitt to be allowed, that greate care be had to restraine all tipplinge there, and that they be onlie allowed to serve the poore, and the same care be had of inns that they be used for passengers only.’ And enjoining them, where needful, to appoint fit persons ‘to starch keepe and burie the dead.’ *Copy.* 2 pp.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

1642[–3], February.—‘A noate of the chardges of the Right Honourable the Lady Capell in her journey to London in February.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
For chardges in dyett att Mr. Dixon’s house	2	8	3
Given to divers servants in the house there	2	7	6
For horsemcate att the Bull	1	16	4

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	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Given to the ostlers and chamberlyns there	0	2	0
To the coachman for his board wages at London	0	3	4
To the postillion for the like	0	3	4
To Henry Pryor for the like	0	3	4
To the footeman for the like	0	3	4
To him for runninge money	0	2	0
For grease for the coatch	0	0	6
For naylinge of the horses	0	0	4
For giges [spinning-tops] and scurdgestickes [whips for them] for the children ..	0	2	0
Given to the musicons.. .. .	0	2	0
For opening of the gates to goe the nexte waye	0	1	0
For Thomas Ladd's supper on Thursday night when you cam to London	0	0	10
Summe total ..	7	16	1'

1 *p.*

The separate account for the second of the above items
is as follows:—

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
'To Jane the chamber mayde	0	5	0
To Alice the chamber mayde.. ..	0	5	0
To Susan the washmayde	0	5	0
To the cooke woman	0	10	0
To the chare woman	0	2	6
To Mr. Pryor	0	5	0
To Thomas the butler.. .. .	0	10	0
To Edward the boye	0	2	6
To Florence the boye	0	2	6
	2	7	6'

$\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*

From another account it appears that the 'giges and sgurg-
stickes' were for 'Mr. Arthur Capell' (then aged 10), the date
of this and the two following items being February 25.

PAPERS relating to the SEQUESTRATION of LORD CAPELL'S
estates.

1643-1650.—A bundle of warrants, orders, petitions &c.
comprising among others the following:—

1643, July 21. Knebworth.—Sir William Lytton to
Sir Arthur Capell.—' . . . Yesterday I took order with the
sessors of Walkern that they should forbear seising or dis-
training my Lady Capell's goods for any rates upon the same

reasons I did at Hartford for her estate in Hadham, the Earl of
sequestration of my Lord's estate yet depending before the
Lords. . . ." *Seal.* 1 p. *Essex.*

1643, July 22.—The Committee of Sequestrations for Hertfordshire to the Constables of Walkern.—Warrant requiring them, Lord Capell having been found to be a delinquent, to summon all his bailiffs and stewards to bring in their court rolls &c. to the Committee. *Signed*: William Leman, Thomas Tooke, Gabriel Barber, Thomas Meade. *Copy.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.

1643, July 24.—The same to all Assessors and Collectors there.—Warrant in accordance with instructions received [from Lord Cranborne, Thomas Dacres and Richard Jennings], requiring them to refrain from troubling Lady Capell for the fifth part of the real or the twentieth part of the personal estate of her husband in Walkern, his estate being wholly sequestered. *Signed*: William Leman, Alexander Welde, Thomas Meade, Thomas Tooke. *Copy.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.

1643, October 26.—Warrant of the Earl of Essex ordering Daniel Downes and Robert Gibbons to seize from Lord Capell's house at Cashiobury whatever they might think necessary for the furnishing of his [*i.e.* the Earl's] quarters at St. Albans, an inventory to be taken, in view of its subsequent restoration. *Copy.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.

1643, November 21.—Particulars of Lord Capell's possessions in Hertfordshire. The real estate comprised Hadham with the Park, Walkern with the Park, Cashiobury with the Park, Langley, Bushey, Park and the tithes of Watford, the yearly value being 1,839*l.* 3*s.* 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*

The following Parliamentary valuation is given:—

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Hadham inventory	707	9	4
Walkern inventory	445	4	2
Cashio inventory	169	16	0
Sum total of lands in possession ..	1,637	10	0
Of which the fifth part comes to ..	327	10	0
The goods come to	1,322	9	6
The fifth part comes to	(sic) 264	11	5
Horses, arms, money, corn and other goods taken by the Parliament from the Lord C[apell]	7,293	16	5 $\frac{3}{4}$

1 $\frac{1}{4}$ pp.

[Second half of 1643 ?]—Two identical petitions of Elizabeth, Lady Capell, to the House of Lords and the House of Commons respectively on behalf of herself and her children, setting out that 'the whole estate of her lord is intirelie sequestered and seised and consequentlie herselfe and sixe children exposed to the lowest degree of contempt, want and penurie. Your petitioner has byn always well affected to the Protestant religion and to the Parliament.' *Signed.* 1 p. each.

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1644, August 24.—Order by the Committee at Bury St. Edmunds for William Capell to be admitted tenant of [his nephew,] Lord Capell's sequestered estate in Suffolk, at the rent of 105*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*, less all rates and less the amount sanctioned by Parliament for the maintenance of Lady Capell and her six children. *Copy.* 2 *pp.* *Another order dated August 10, was signed:* Thomas Cole, Thomas Barnardiston, Francis Bacon, William Bloys, B[rampton] Gurdon, Thomas Tirell.

1644, October 29.—Order of the Committee at St. Albans that William Capell shall pay the yearly rent of 422*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.* for Hampstead Mead, Bushey Mead, the quit rents of Cashio and Park, and the tithes of Watford leased to him by the Committee. *Signed:* Richard Porter, Alban Cox, John Wittewronge, William Briggs, Gabriel Odingsells. *Certified copy.* 1 *p.*

1644[–5], March 19.—Order by the Committee of Sequestrations for Bedfordshire directing that, as William Capell, the proposed tenant of Lord Capell's sequestered estate, is not prepared to give a sufficient rent, the tenants of the estate may until further direction continue their possession, paying their rents, as formerly, for the use of the State. The order recites that William Capell formerly presented the Committee with an Order of Reference from the Committee of Lords and Commons for Sequestration, for the granting of one-fifth part of the estate towards the maintenance of Lady Capell and her children, but that she having long lived within the King's quarters is not intended to have such benefit, while her six children already have allowed them in other counties the sum of 480*l.* a year, 'which the said Committee do think a competent allowance.' *Signed:* William Boteler, Thomas Rolt, St. John Thomson, B. Staunton. 1½ *pp.* *Another order, of January 15, was signed:* William Boteler, Thomas Rolt, John Burgoyne, James Beverley, Humphrey Fish, Thomas Alston.

1645, May.—Petition of William Capell to the Committee of Sequestrations for Bedfordshire on behalf of the children of Lord Capell, 'being and abiding at Little Hadham,' that a part of his estate sequestered there might be set out for their maintenance. *Draft.* ½ *p.*

[1643–1645].—The Earl of Manchester to the Committee at Hertford. Concerning the fifth part of Lord Capell's sequestered estate, set apart for his children, which was charged with a horse for the service of the State; desiring them to consider whether such charge was equitable. *Signed.* ½ *p.*

1644, July 3.—1645, Dec. 30.—William Capell's accounts with Lady Capell for the fifth part out of Lord Capell's sequestered lands in the counties of Essex, Norfolk, Suffolk and Bedford, applied by him for the benefit of herself and her children. 2 *pp.*

[1644-1645?]*—The Committee of Sequestrations for Hertfordshire to Gabriel Odingsells. Ordering him to prevent the payment of the rents of Lord Capell's sequestered estate at Watford to William Capell the tenant, he having failed to give them security. *Signed*: John King, John Robotham, Tobie Combe, Raphe Pemberton. *Certified copy*. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.

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1645[-6], Feb. 26.—Warrant of the Earl of Essex, giving permission for Lady Brereton to stay in the house at Cashio-bury till Michaelmas next; the meadows and arable lands he had let to Mr. Capell. *Copy*. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.

1650, April 24.—Order of the Committee of Sequestrations for Norfolk, requiring Thomas Garrett, in pursuance of the Order of Parliament of May 7, 1649,† to forbear further proceedings in the sequestration of the manors of Gooderstone, Great Fransham and Little Fransham, and to allow the rents to be paid to Elizabeth, Lady Capell. The manors, sequestered for the delinquency of the late Lord Capell, had since been resequstered by their order. *Signed*: Robert Jermy, Gabriel Barbor, Tobias Frere, Henry King. 1 p.

1650.—Order of the Committee of Sequestrations for Essex, requiring their agent, in pursuance of the order of June 21,† to forbear seizing the rents of the manor of Rayne with Blake End Farm and Bocking Wood, these being allowed as part of the jointure of Lady Capell. *Signed*: Abraham Barrington, John Man. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.

THE DANISH NOBILITY.

[About 1670.]—The chief of the Danish nobility 'and persons employed,' with their lordships and manors, as also their offices and employments.

Bertram Rantzow. Asheberge. Colonel of Horse, now reduced.

Christian Rantzow. Bredenburg. Vice Stadtholder in Holstein.

Christopher Gabel. Baulse and Turøe. Heretofore the King's councillor in all his councils, Stadtholder in Copenhagen and Governor of Farøe [Isles].

Dr. Conrad Hesse. [No manor given.] Administrator of the German Chancery and Councillor in Holstein.

Cornifitz Trolle. Scharholt. Governor of Bönfling.

Claude von Allefelt. Geltingen. Lieutenant Colonel of Horse.

Sr. Claude von Allefelt. Kleine Nortsøe and Bramsted. Commander-in-Chief of the Forces in Norway formerly, and now employed in Holstein.

Christopher Parsbiorg. Jerwit and Yongs Holfred. Vice Chancellor and one of the Senators.

* See *Calendar of the Committee for Compounding*, p. 17.

† *Ibid.*, p. 1932.

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- Christopher Schested. Nislefgaard. Marshal of the King's Court.
- Ditloff von Allefeldt. Hasselow, Hasseldorf and Kahden. Councillor in Holstein and Governor of Flensburg Castle.
- Hilarius Holk. Elkier. General Major and Commander of Kronborg Castle.
- Erick Rosenkrantz. Rosenholme. [No employment given.]
- Erick Krag. Bramming. One of the Senators, and Councillor in the Chancery.
- Envold Parsbiorg. Jerwit. The Princesses Governor and one of the Senators.
- Erick Banner. Bosserup. General Commissary of War in Norway and Governor of Maries Kirk &c.
- The Count Fridrick von Allefeldt. Soegaard and Graasteen. The King's Councillor in his Councils Privy of State and of Holstein. His Majesty's Stadtholder in Schleswig and Holstein.
- Fridrick von Alfeldt. Marsleben. Major General, Colonel of his Majesty's Regiment of Foot, Assessor in the Council of War and Commander of Copenhagen.
- Fridrick Tureson. [No manor given.] Colonel of the Citizens, and Assessor in the Council of War.
- Fridrick von Arnsdorf. Offvergaard. Colonel of his Majesty's Life Guard.
- Sr. John Schack. Mogeltönder. Senator, President in the Council of War, General of the Army, Colonel of a Regiment of Horse and Foot, Assessor in the Council of State, and Governor of Ribe.
- Henry Bielke. Ellinggaard. Senator, Admiral, President in the Council of the Admiralty and of State, Governor of Iceland.
- Henry Lindenow. Offvescloster. Commander and Governor of Odense.
- Hugh Lutzow. Bachendorf. Governor of Antworskouff.
- Henry d'Atlof Holch. Raffuholt. Kingly Commissioner in Funen.
- John von Allefeldt. Glorup. Lieutenant General of the Army, Assessor in the Council of War and Governor of Draxholme.
- Henry Möller. [No manor given.] One of the four Treasurers, and Assessor in the Council of the Treasury.
- Henry Blome. Hege. Councillor in Holstein and Governor of Rensberg.
- Henry Randtzow. Möggelkier. One of the Senators.
- Henry Ruse. Sawart. Major-General and Inspector of the Fortifications.
- Christopher Korbitz. Hellerup. Marshal of the Kingdom, Senator, and Governor of Roskilde.
- George Bielke. Hoffwitzholme. Lieutenant-General, Assessor in the Council of War, Governor of Callundborg [Calenberg].

- George Rosenkrantz. Kieldgaard. Governor of the Academy of Sorö. *Earl of Essex.*
- John Fred. Marshalk. Hotlohe. Governor of Bradzbiorg.
- Jens Juel. Forslefgaard. Councillor in the Chancery and Resident in Sweden.
- Jens Lawsen. [No manor given.] Councillor in the Admiralty, Assessor in the Senate and Provincial Judge in Funen, Governor of St. Knuds Closter.
- Cajus von Allefelt. Melbeck. Councillor in Holstein and Governor of Hadersleben Castle.
- Laurence Below. Kiolshegaard. Provincial Judge in North Jutland.
- Magnus Fris. Farshow &c. One of the four Treasurers, Assessor in the Council of the Treasury and Governor of Helgeland and Tönsberg.
- Marc Kodtstein. Leerbeek. Commander of the Arsenal.
- Michael Echsten. [No manor given.] Commander of Borringholme.
- Niels Juel. Bostemp. Admiral on Bremmerholme.
- Niels Rosencrantz. Holbygaard. Colonel of Foot in Copenhagen.
- Offve Bielke. Österaad. A Senator, and Chancellor of Norway.
- Otto Powish. Jervet. Commissary General of War.
- Offve Juel. Lundbeek. Vice Stadhalter of Norway.
- Peter Retz. Palsgaard, Tureby, Burlomcloster. Senator, High Chancellor, Governor of Hadeland, Romerike, Buskerud and Ringerike.
- Peter Charisius. Aalborg. Before Resident in Holland.
- D. Peter Scavenius. [No manor given.] Procurator-General and *Professor Juris*.
- Peter Lawson. [No manor given.] An Assessor in the Senate.
- Paul Klingenberg. [No manor given.] General Postmaster and Councillor in the Admiralty.
- Stephen Hondorf. Könnholme. One of the four Treasurers.
- Uldrick Fridrick Guldenlew. Caldöe. Viceroy of Norway, Senator &c.
- William Lang. [No manor given.] Provincial Judge in Jutland, Councillor in the Chancery, and Governor of Armild Closter.
- Peter Shoomackerus [No manor given.] Secretary of his Majesty's Chamber, Assessor in the Chancery and in the High Justice, as also in the Council of State.
- Martin Schinckel. Seeholme. One of the Privy Council, High Chamberlain and of the Highest Justice.
- Winterfelt. *Deficit*. Master of his Majesty's Horse &c.
- Vincent Joachin Hahn. *Deficit*. Grand Venour of the Court.
- Speckhahn. [No manor given.] Master of the Ceremonies.

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This is a list of the chief nobility of Denmark, whence the manner of government may in some manner be deduced, taking notice of their several employments. The rest (as their history, the state and nature of the country and its constitution, districts and manner of living) being treated of by several authors, I have thought needless to write here any thing about it. *In a foreign hand.* 4 pp.

ACCOUNTS.

1709, Sept. 8-[1709-10, Jan. 10].—Account of moneys paid and received for the use of Algernon, Earl of Essex, from September 8, 1709, to the death of the Earl. It includes the following payments :—Lady Betty Capell to the 7th November, 7*l.* 10*s.*; two payments of 1*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* to Lady Mary Capell; Lord Capell, for 18 weeks' pocket-money, 4*l.* 10*s.* on December 19 [he was born in 1697]; the game-keeper's board wages to December 3, 3*l.*

A BILL FOR CHAMPAGNE.

[18th cent.]—'The Earle of Essex ought to Thomas Verbecq charges upon 12 peeces of champagne wyne from St. Vallery.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Custom	24	13	6
Coynage, 10 <i>s.</i> <i>per l'honne</i>	1	10	0
Butleridge and bills money	1	8	6
Officers att 2 <i>s.</i> <i>per l'honne</i>	0	6	0
Kay Kraime and porter	0	6	0
Cooper att 1 <i>s.</i> <i>per peece</i>	0	12	0
<i>Petits frais</i>	0	2	6
Fraight and <i>avaries</i>	4	4	0

1 p. *Partly in French.*

DEEDS

, BELONGING TO

COLONEL FREWEN.

PRESERVED AT

BRICKWALL, NORTHIAM, SUSSEX.

This little collection consists of fifty-two deeds, of which all but four relate to land in the parish of Northiam, in the county of Sussex, in which parish the ancestors of the owner have resided since the time of Queen Elizabeth. It is scarcely possible to regard them as of more than local interest; but covering, as they do, with very few breaks of any length, a period of 300 years from the end of the 13th to the end of the 16th centuries, a good deal may be learned from them concerning the successive owners of land in the parish. Two families may be mentioned—that of Goatley, which figures the most prominently up to the middle of the 15th century, when their manor of Goatley was conveyed to John Piers, of Ewhurst, and that of Hore, which is conspicuous in the earlier deeds. A seal of arms of Henry Hore, exhibiting a family shield hitherto unrecorded, is described at p. 355. A number of the place-names which occur may still be found, or their modern equivalents recognised, upon the map. The deeds have been noticed in strict chronological order.

JOHN HARLEY.

Deeds relating to Northiam, co. Sussex, with the manors there known as Goatley and Gate Court; also Beckley, Ewhurst, Westfield and Mountfield, co. Sussex; and Alferton, Swanwick, Birchwood and Somercotes, co. Derby.

1295, Dec. 19.—Grant and quitclaim by Clement de Stonbregge and Richouda his wife to Reginald le Hore, of all their right in all houses, lands, rents and services, homages, fees, escheats &c. upon 'Dodylonde,' in the parish of Northiam (Northhiham); in exchange for a certain house and piece of land in the same place. Witnesses:—Hugh, rector of the church of Northiam, Robert and Peter de Gotele, Thomas and Robert de Padyham, Adam and William de Diksterne, Robert and Henry de Burtone, Henry de Porta, William ate Wode, Robert Nithyngale, Adam Cassin, and many others. *Decayed.*

Col. Frewen. 1310, April 3.—Grant by Edmund de Passeleghe to Alice, daughter of Adam de Dixterne, in tail, of 1 messuage which Andrew, son of Geoffrey de Ocwerse, father of the said Andrew [? error for Adam] once held from him in villeinage in the vill of [Northiam?]*; in exchange for all the lands which descended to her upon the death of Alice, once wife of Benedict ate Cherche; she paying 4s. per annum. Witnesses:—Henry ate Gate, John de Glasham, Stephen de Forsham, Reginald de Echene, Richard de Wytechesham, Robert de Petleshame, William de Kechinhamme, William de Dixterne and many others. *Very defective.*

1325, June 29.—Grant by Oliver de Cresy, for 4 marks and 2s. 4d., to John de Edelnex, son of Reginald de Edelnex, deceased, of a moiety of all the lands and tenements which the said Reginald once held from him in villeinage in the parish of Northiam; the grantee paying 14d. per annum for all services &c. save wards, marriages, heriots and reliefs, with 18½d. for scutage, and, for castle ward, ¾d. each turn. Witnesses:—Richard and Thomas Wardedu, John ate Gate, Robert le Hore, William de Gotelee, Walter de Edelnex, John de Broston, Thomas de Haneholte, William Nightingayle, Robert de Langhurst &c.

1343, Sept. 28.—Grant by William de Dixterne to John de Langeport, chaplain, of a field called 'Sonyntone' lying in a place called 'Berhame,' in the parish of Northiam. Witnesses:—Hamo atte Gate, Henry his brother, Robert le Hore, Thomas de Arundel, John Duraynt and many others. *Seal.*

1347, July 6.—Grant by Isabella, daughter of John atte Gogle, to Stephen de Berhamme, and Simon his son, of a piece of land called 'Mabbelonde,' in the parish of Northiam, adjoining the land of 'Rohamme,' and containing about 1½ acres. Witnesses:—The same, save the last; also John de Ochamme, Stephen de Edelnexe and many others. *Small circular Seal.* S' ISABELLE SCHOWEL.

1348, Jan. 27.—Grant by the same to John de Langeport, chaplain, of 1 acre of land adjoining the road leading from 'Rohamme cruche' to Ewhurst (Huurst), paying 12d. per annum after the first 20 years. Witnesses:—Most of the same; also John, son of Robert le Hore, Thomas, son of Thomas de Arundel, John de Broclonde and many others. *The same Seal.*

1349, April 1.—Grant by John de Cressy, of Westfield, to Oliver his son in tail, with remainder in default to Thomas his son in tail, of all the lands and tenements which he had in Westfield called 'Northlond,' together with 13s. 4d. annual rent from land there called 'la Coumbe,' held by . . . Fygon and Mabel his wife. Witnesses:—Alan Foghelynge, William Martyn, John Southynne, Robert Knyght &c. *Defective.*

* Beckley is mentioned in the bounds.

1361, July 20.—Grant by John, son of James de Gotele, to *Col. Frewen*. John, son of Simon atte Melle, and Margery his wife, and the heirs of his body, of the tenement, containing about 18 acres, which he lately held in bondage in the parish of Northiam; paying 3s. per annum and doing suit at the grantor's court twice a year, at Easter and Michaelmas, and paying for castle ward 1½d. each turn, together with heriots, reliefs, homage, wards and marriages. Witnesses:—Henry Hore, Peter atte Cherche, Simon de Toketone &c.

1362, Nov. 13.—Grant by Richard de Heggton and John Hycke, of Beckley, to Richard Wylle, of Northiam, of half an acre of meadow in the parish of Northiam, which they had of the feoffment of Sir Edmund de Knell, knight, and the heirs of Adam de Cloptone. Witnesses:—John de Godele, William Wevere, Robert Flechchiere, John Padyhamme, Henry Hore, Richard Hore, and many others. *Small circular Seal (the first of two)—a stag in full course. PRIVE . . . UIDMO.*

1363, Feb. 12.—Release by the same to the same of all their right in the same premises. Witnesses:—the same, save the last three; also William atte Wode, William Longe, and many others. *Portion of Seal of Arms (the first of two)—3 fishes naiant in pale to the dexter.*

1365, April 20.—Grant by Thomas Lefe, chaplain, and Thomas Homwode to Robert le Hore, of a piece of land in the parish of Northiam, called 'Bromred'; to hold in tail, with remainder in default to Salerna his wife, and Joan his daughter, and the heirs of the body of Joan, in default to Henry and Richard his sons in tail, in default to John his brother in tail, in default to Robert Flechere in tail; paying 2s. per annum at the grantors' manor of Kitchenhour (Kechenore), and doing suit of court there twice a year, *i.e.* at the courts held next after Easter and Michaelmas. Witnesses:—Some of the above; also Henry atte Gate and many others. *Two Seals.*

1368, Nov. 6.—Grant by John de Gotele, of Northiam, to John Langport, parson of the church of Northiam, Henry atte Gate, Michael Seriaunt and Richard Clerke, of all his lands and tenements in the county of Sussex. Witnesses:—Sir Robert de Passsheleghe, knight, Robert de Ecchyngnam, Robert Bantechon &c. *Seal.*

1368, Nov. 11.—Lease by the above feoffees to John de Gotele and Julia, his wife, of the same premises, to hold until the feast of the Epiphany next following, for the sum of 10s. to be paid at that feast. *Decayed.*

1370, Nov. 24.—Release by John, son and heir of Richard Crockere, to John de Gotele, of all his right in half an acre of meadow in the parish of Northiam which his father recently acquired from Richard de Heghtone and John Hicke. *Portion of Seal.*

Col. Frewen. 1373, Dec. 18.—Grant by John Huchoun, of Newenden, to John de Gotele, Julia his wife, and Henry their son, of a piece of land in the parish of Northiam called 'Reperesland.' Witnesses :—John Menewood &c. *Seal of Arms—on a fesse between, in chief 2 crescents and in base an estoile (or a mullet of 6 points ?), 3 pheons ; the legend defaced.*

1373, Dec. 22.—Grant by Robert [Fromond], rector of the church of Brede, Robert Campsale, rector of the church of Beckley, John Gotele and Stephen Hope,* to Joan Kechenore, widow of Richard Kechenore, in tail—with remainder in default to Julia Hope—of all their land in the parish of Northiam called 'Leye' and 'Lucasesmarlyng,' estimated at 20 acres, together with 2 houses built thereon, one of them, called 'Preshous,' containing cider mills (*in qua constructa est molendina pomorum*). *Early 15th-century copy.*

1373, Dec. 24.—Defeasance of an indenture whereby Robert Hore enfeoffed John de Gotele, Julia his wife, and Henry their son, John Marthame, Thomas his brother, and Edward and William Marthame, brothers of Thomas, and the heirs of their bodies, of 18 acres of land in the parish of Northiam 'in the tenure of the court' once belonging to John de Codyng at Ewhurst—so long as they should peaceably enjoy 5 acres of land called 'Mabbedowne' in the same parish, of which they had been similarly enfeoffed by Robert for the yearly farm of one halfpenny. Witnesses :—Simon Tukton, Robert Holstokke &c.

1379, Feb. 10.—Release by John Gotele, of Northiam, to Patrick de Exetre, clerk, John Iwode and Richard Hore, of all his right in all those lands &c. which they lately had of his gift in fee simple in the parishes of Northiam, Beckley and Ewhurst (Iwerst). *A little decayed.*

1388, Dec. 20.—Release by Henry Hore, senior, of Northiam, to Henry Gotele, of all his right in all lands &c. suits of court &c. in the parish of Mountfield (Mundorfelde). Witnesses :—John Gotele, Roger Holeman &c. *Decayed.*

1392, April 28.—Grant by Alice, widow of John Houchoun, junior, of Newenden, to Robert Echynghame, of a piece of land called 'Wymarkyswysth,' in the parish of Northiam. Witnesses :—John Echynghame &c. *Seal.*

1392, July 16.—Grant by John Berham, senior, to Henry Gotele and William Watte, of 1 tenement with 2 gardens in the parish of Northiam called 'Berham,' which once belonged to John Berham, his father, together with a piece of land in the same parish called 'Cloptonesgardyn.' Witnesses :—John Quetebone, Henry, Richard and Robert Hore &c. *Seal of Arms of John Huchoun.* [See the deed of 18 Dec., 1373, above.]

* See the deed of 1412, below.

1393, Aug. 21.—Appointment by John Adam, senior, of *Col. Frewen*. Robert Gateward, junior, his attorney, for delivering seisin to Robert Echyngham and Henry Gotele, of all his lands &c. in the parishes of Northiam and Beckley.

1396, March 25.—Grant by Robert Echynghame, Vincent Fynche, Peter Colpeper and Robert atte Cherche, to John Baylly and Joan his wife and the heirs of his body—with remainder in default to John Baylly, his brother, in tail—of 3 acres of land in the parish of Northiam which they lately had of the feoffment of John Gotele; paying 20*d.* per annum, with 2*d.* for suit of court, and, for castle ward, $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* each turn. Witnesses :—John Lokyere, Simon Stille &c. *Fragments of two Seals.*

1396, Dec. 28.—Grant by John Gotele to Henry his son, of all the lands and tenements in the parish of Northiam which the heirs of William Cropwode at any time held from him in bondage; paying 5*d.* per annum for all services, suits of court &c. (land of Robert Oxenbregge called 'le Parke,' mentioned; also 'Cropwodestrete'). Witnesses :—Thomas Gotele, Peter Hunte &c. *Seal.*

1398, Oct. 10.—Grant by Richard Hore to John Gotele and Laurencia his wife, of 1 messuage and a piece of land called 'Gemelynstone' in the parish of Northiam, adjoining land called 'le Muster,' together with 4 other pieces of land there called 'le Marlyngge,' 'le Clenchefeld,' 'Colynescroft' and 'le Poyland' respectively, and 8*d.* annual rent from 2 pieces of land there called 'Rohammesland,' all which premises he had of John's feoffment; to hold in tail male, with remainder in default to their daughters, together with Joan his daughter by a former wife, in tail, and in default to Henry his son. Witnesses :—Henry and John Hore &c. *Very fine little Seal of Arms—a chevron ermine between 3 portcullised gates. SIGILL' HENRICUS HORE.*

1400, July 4.—Grant by Richard Hore and Henry Gotele to John Gotele and Laurencia his wife, of 1 tenement and 2 pieces of land called 'Rohammesland,' in the parish of Northiam, which they lately had of the feoffment of Roger Holman and Thomas Philepot, of Brede; to hold for their lives, with remainder to their heirs male in tail, in default to his daughters by Julia his late wife, and Laurencia his present wife in tail, and in default to the said Henry Gotele. Witnesses :—William Westone &c.

1402, July 30.—Grant by John, eldest son of John Holstok, and Alice his wife, to the same, of 3 pieces of land called 'Smytheshame,' 'le Erlet' and 'le Court,' in the parish of Northiam, containing about 3 acres, $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres and half an acre respectively, the first lying on 'Dennam de Berhame' and adjoining land called 'Wolverede'; to hold in tail male, with remainder in default to his daughters &c. [as in the

Col. Frewen, last deed], paying 5*d.* per annum for all services, suits of courts &c. Witnesses :—John Brokdene, John Quetebon, &c.
Two Seals.

1404, Nov. 16.—Grant by John Gotele and Laurencia his wife to Nicholas atte Nasshe and Alice his wife, of 1 messuage and 1 acre of land in Northiam (‘Stapilcrouche’ mentioned); to hold in tail, with remainder in default to the heirs of his body, in default to William Cotyng in tail, and in default to John Cotyng, junior, in tail; paying 42*d.* per annum. Witnesses :—Thomas Wevere, Adam Bocher, Robert Edelnex &c. *Seal*—a portcullis with the letter *II* on either side.*

1412, May 8.—Grant by William Mot and Joan his wife of Peasmarsh, to Henry Gotele, of all lands &c. which Joan had of the feoffment of Robert Fromond, rector of the church of Brede, Robert Campsale, rector of the church of Beckley, John Gotele and Stephen Hope,† in the parish of Northiam. Witnesses :—Robert Hore, John Hore, junior, John Comberd, John Adam, junior &c. *Two Seals.*

1415, Jan. 10.—Grant by Robert Oxenbregge to Henry Gotele and Margaret his wife, of a piece of wood called ‘le Park,’ containing 10 acres, and a piece of land called ‘le Bromfeld,’ containing 4 acres, in the parish of Northiam (land held by Laurencia Gotele, widow, in dower, mentioned). Witnesses :—John Bate, Robert Astyn &c.

1424, May 31.—Grant by Henry Gotle, of Westfield, to William Halle, John Curteys, William Tupton, John Holstoke and Thomas Wevere, of his whole Manor of Goatley (Gotlet), with all the appurtenances in the vill of Northiam, which descended to him upon the death of his father John Gotle. Witnesses :—Simon Tomset, John Pieris, John Parrok, Richard Belsherst, of Beckley &c.

1424, May 31.—Appointment by the above Henry Gotle, of Edmund Coleman, clerk of the parish church of Northiam, his attorney, for delivering seisin of the same premises to the above feoffees.

1428, Dec. 10.—Grant by John Bate to Joan his daughter, once wife of Richard Strete, of a piece of land in the parish of Northiam called ‘le Romyer’ (the street called ‘Rome-strete’ mentioned). Witnesses :—William Tucton, Richard Dyne, Richard Parker, John Elys &c. *Seal.*

1429, Aug. 2.—Grant by Richard de Stathum, Richard Wakehurst, Robert Oxenbregge, and John Greneforde, to John son and heir of Henry Gotele, of all those lands &c. which once belonged to Hugh de Cressy, and which they

* ? the badge of Henry Hore. See his Seal of Arms to the deed of 1398, above.

† See the deed of December 22, 1373, above.

lately had of the feoffment of the said Henry, in the vills of *Col. Frewen*. Alfreton (Alfarton), Swanwick, Birchwood and Somercotes, co. Derby. Witnesses :—John Perys, Simon Tomset, Robert Haftyngdene and others. *Fragments of two Seals.*

1429, Aug. 2.—Appointment by the same, save Richard de Stathum, of Richard de Stathum and John Osbern their attorneys, for delivering seisin of the premises. *Seal.*

1438, July 24.—Grant by John Gotele, John atte Bertone, John Greneford, John Perys and John Harry, to Simon Seforde and Margery his wife, of 2 pieces of land with a house built thereon in the parish of Northiam called 'Jonysfelde' and 'Cropwodes,' containing about $4\frac{1}{2}$ acres, which they had from William Halle &c. [as in the deed of 31 May, 1424, above], feoffees of Henry Gotele, father of John; to hold to them and the heirs of his body, with remainder in default to John Gotele; paying 5s. per annum and doing suit twice a year at the grantors' court of Goatley, i.e. at those held next after Easter and Michaelmas, and paying at the death of a tenant 12d. as heriot and 15d. for relief. Witnesses :—John atte Broke, William Goodwyne &c. *A little decayed.*

1440, Oct. 1.—Release by the same, save John Perys, to John Perys, of Ewhurst, of all their right in the Manor of Goatley in the parish of Northiam, which they, together with him, lately had of William Halle &c. [as in the last deed], feoffees of Henry Gotele. Witnesses :—Richard Craddok, William Tukton &c. *Badly decayed.*

1444, Sept. 4.—Appointment by John Perys, of Ewhurst, of William Thomsett his attorney for delivering seisin to Richard Wakeherst, junior, John Greneford, John Gotele, Robert Bernys, William Edward, Henry Wyse, Thomas Vestyndene, Peter Waterman and Adam Iwode, of his Manor of Goatley in the parish of Northiam.

1451, Mar. 21.—Grant by the above Richard Wakeherst &c. (save only Adam Iwode, now deceased) to William, son of John Perys, of the same Manor of Goatley; to hold in tail, with successive remainders in default in tail to George his brother, Thomas his brother, and Margaret Perys, daughter of John Perys and Anne lately his wife, with ultimate remainder in default to the grantors, the premises to be then sold and the proceeds distributed in charitable works (*in operibus caritativis*) according to the will of John Perys. Witnesses :—William Toughton &c. *Torn and defective. Five Seals.*

1451, Mar. 21.—Counterpart of the last deed. *Badly decayed. Three Seals.*

1451, Mar. 21.—Appointment by the same of William Thomset and Robert Bernhill their attorneys for delivering seisin of the premises. *Four Seals.*

Col. Frewen. 1471, July 20.—Grant by George Pyers to Simon . . . den and Joan his wife, of half an acre of meadow in the parish of Northiam, they paying 6*d.* per annum. Witnesses :—William Wevere, James Toppe &c. *Badly decayed.*

1490, Mar. 1.—Grant by George Pers, lord of the manor of Goatley, to Richard Botyller, of 4 acres of land which once belonged to Henry Style in the parish of Northiam; he paying 16*d.* per annum and doing suit at the grantor's court of Goatley every three weeks. Witnesses :—Thomas Frenchman, Richard Goodwyn, William Partriche, Thomas Belyngton, James Coppe and others.

1498, July 27.—Grant by John Robynson to William a lye *alias* Coke, of 1 toft and 4 acres of land in Northiam ('Quykbone crouche,' mentioned). Witnesses :—John Frenchman, Thomas Whyte, Oliver Trodis, William Hysshcock, Richard Wodelond, William Holstoke and many others. *Seal.*

1502, Dec. 20.—Defeasance of an indenture dated the previous day, whereby George Pyers, of Ewhurst, granted to Thomas at hylle certain marsh land in Northiam called 'Castelle' and 'Churchbroke,' and certain upland there called 'Clopton,' together containing 30 acres, paying 1*d.* per annum at George's manor of Goatley—upon payment by George of the sum of 20 marks at the feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, 1504. *Decayed. Seal.*

1530, Nov. 16.—Lease by Sir Andrew Wyndesore, knight, lord Wyndesore, to Thomas Holman, of Northiam, yeoman, of the Manor of Gate Court, in the parish of Northiam, with all the appurtenances save woods and underwoods; to hold for eight years from Michaelmas last past, paying 15*l.* per annum the first four years, and 16*l.* per annum during the rest of the term; the lessee to find 'horsemet and manysmeat,' for a day and a night twice yearly, for the officers of the lessor when they came to survey the manor. *Counterpart. Seal.*

1544, Sept. 25.—Sale by Thomas Baker, senior, to George Pyper, of 2 pieces of land called 'Syvettes,' lying together in the parish of Northiam, adjoining land of the heir of Edward Pyers called 'Hawlandes,' belonging to the manor of Goatley, and containing 4 acres. Witnesses :—William Herryng, William Stace, James Pyper and many others.

1587, Feb. 16.—Sale by Henry lord Windsor, to John Holman, yeoman, for the sum of 120*l.*, and a further sum of 900*l.* to be paid by instalments at the purchaser's mansion-house in Northiam called Goatley, of 'the whole site or house' of the Manor of Gate Court, 1 *coquinum*, 2 barns, 1 stable, 1 *staurum*, and all other buildings, with 2 orchards, 2 crofts, 1 *forstallum* and 48 pieces of land, together containing 270 acres, all lying in the parish of Northiam, and in the occupation of the purchaser, by virtue of a lease granted him by Edward, lord Windsor, deceased, father of the vendor

(including 4 pieces of land called 'Barham,' containing 28 acres, *Col. Frewen.* and 6 pieces called 'Balchins' and 'Oldehowse land' containing 14 acres). With appointment of George Bysshoppe and William Baker, yeomen, his attorneys for delivering seisin. *Endorsed* with the signatures of the witnesses, including 'John Ffrewen.'

1587, Oct. 13.—The exemplification of a Recovery of Michaelmas Term, 29 and 30 Elizabeth, Roll xiii, whereby the site of the Manor of Gate Court, with 290 acres of land, meadow, pasture, wood and marsh, were recovered by Herbert Morley and Thomas Robertes against Henry Pelham, Henry lord Windsor being called to warranty.

1588, Oct. 1.—Sale by George Pyper to Thomas Peers, of Westfield, and George Bysshop, of 2 pieces of land in Northiam called 'Syvettes,' containing 4 acres and adjoining land belonging to Thomas' manor of Goatley (Gotelee); to hold to the use of Thomas; with warranty against William Pyper, his father, and George Pyper, his grandfather. Witnesses:—Richard Sharpe, George and William Butler &c. *Signed:* 'George Pyper.'

1588, Oct. 1.—Bond for the payment by George Pyper to Thomas Peers, of the sum of 50*l.*; conditioned upon the performance of certain covenants in connection with the above sale. (Elizabeth, wife of George, mentioned.) *The same signature.*

1588, Oct. 4.—Release by George Pyper to Thomas Peers, of all his right in the same premises. *The same signature.*

THE MANUSCRIPTS OF H. C. STAUNTON. ESQ.

The documents which form the subject of the present Report are the property of Henry Charlton Staunton, Esq., of Staunton, Nottinghamshire. They were examined in the seventeenth century by Robert Thoroton, who employed them in his 'History of Nottinghamshire,' published in 1677; some of them bear endorsements in a hand of the period, which may, perhaps, be his. Towards the close of the eighteenth century most of the deeds relating to Nottinghamshire were copied by Charles Mellish, Esq., of Blyth, who projected a history of the county: his transcripts are now in the possession of Henry Mellish, Esq., of Hodsock Priory, Notts. In 1825 the Rev. Dr. Staunton caused an abstract of the collection to be made, now in the possession of the Staunton family. Between Thoroton's time and that of Charles Mellish the collection had sustained some losses; it has remained intact since the eighteenth century.

Most of the documents relate to the manor of Staunton and to a group of adjacent villages on the eastern border of Nottinghamshire. There are, however, a number of Lincolnshire deeds, and some isolated charters, which refer to other parts of Nottinghamshire. For the manorial history of the county two of the latter, the Danethorpe and Grimston charters, are of much importance, giving information which was overlooked by Thoroton. There are five documents of the twelfth century, and a considerable number belonging to the close of the thirteenth. The abstracts which follow are arranged in the alphabetical order of the villages to which they relate.

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ALVERTON, CO. NOTTINGHAM.

[After 1216.]—Grant by Gilbert son of Walter of Alverton to Ralph his brother of all the land which Ralf holds in Alverton of the gift of Walter his father, saving one toft between Gilbert's dwelling (*capitale messuagium*) and the toft of Richard, son of Ralf; that is one bovaté which Hauisia, stepmother of Walter, Gilbert's father, held, with two strips belonging to the croft of the same Walter. For this gift Ralf has given to Gilbert five shillings of new sterlings, and is to

render yearly twenty shillings in lieu of all service. Hiis H. C. Staun-
ton, Esq.
testibus : domino Galfrido de Stanton ; Roberto, persona de
Kilvingtona ; * Willelmo Morin ; Roberto Morin ; Nicolao
Morin ; Johanne del Howe ; Johanne, clerico de Becingham ; †
Gervasio, clerico de Stanton ; Ricardo de Houton ; ‡ Waltero
le Breton ; Willelmo Chaupenis ; et aliis.

One indented agreement dated 1262, and thirty undated charters, many of which relate to the peasant family of Travers of Alverton. Reference may be made to a grant by Richard de Houton to John, son of Henry of Kilvington, Robert and Henry his brothers, and John's heirs, if any, otherwise to the heirs of Robert and Henry in common ; to a charter made with the assent and consent of the grantor's heir ; and to a grant of pasture *ad unam vesturam*, which is an early example of the 'cow gates' of Nottinghamshire. Among the grantors are William de Staunton, Walter le Breton, and Robert his son, Roger de Vallibus, William son of Gilbert of Alverton, and John his son, Thomas de Hottot de Botilsford son of Fulk de Hottot, and Richard his son. Most of these also appear among the witnesses, with the addition of Robert and Nicholas Morin of Kilvington, and Robert Champeneys.

Fifty-two deeds dated between 1302 and 1326 ; among which may be mentioned the grant of a garden of which the boundaries are minutely defined, of the moiety of a messuage *cum plena medietate omnium domorum in toto mesuagio predicto edificatarum*, and of the reversion of a messuage which the grantor's mother holds in dower. There are also a number of grants for life and for terms of years. Reference to 'the royal way which leads to Granby,' and to another road described as 'Horstunstrete,' is of some local interest. Among the grantors are Amabil, widow of Thomas de Hottot, William, son of Thomas de Hottot, and William his son, Richard, son of Thomas de Hottot, Amicia his wife, and Thomas his son, Robert Morin, and Agnes, daughter of Robert le Vou de Steynwath. Among the witnesses are Robert Champeneys, Henry Champeneys, William Morin, William de Staunton, Geoffrey de Staunton.

Fifty-five deeds dated between 1327 and 1377, including a grant by William Morin [1327] to Geoffrey de Staunton of seven shillings of annual rent *quos recipere solebam de Willelmo filio Radulfi nativi mei pro una dimidia bovata terre libere et prati . . . per predictum Willelmum de Ricardo de Hottot perquisitis*. Among the grantors are Robert Morin, William Champeneys, William de Bingham [1343], Robert, son of Richard Hottot, Richard de Staunton, vicar of Loudam, § [1364], Richard son of Robert parson (*p'son*) of Newark,

* Kilvington, co. Nottingham.

† Beckingham, co. Lincoln.

‡ Hawton, co. Nottingham.

§ Lowdham, co. Nottingham.

H. C. Staunton, Esq. rector of Gateshede.* Among the witnesses are John de Vaus, knight, John de Mounteney, knight, John de Schelton,† John Bedewynt [all in 1331], John de Leyk de Cotome,‡ Simon de Sibthorp [1344]. It may be noted that the same witness is described indifferently as William de Aschby, de Askeby, and de Axeby; and that the Henry le Machun of earlier documents appears in this series as Henry Mason.

Thirty-six deeds dated between 1377 and 1472, in the course of which reference is made to Thomas de Staunton [1382], Richard de Steynwath [1415], William de Sybthorp de Sybthorp [1391], Thomas Chaworth [1403], Roger de Upton, rector of Schelton [1408], Thomas, parson of Schelton [1445].

It appears from this series of deeds that the arable at Alverton was divided into three fields; that individual 'selions' varied in area at least from half a rood to three roods; that the bovate denoted a variable quantity of land, reference being made to a bovate of 10 acres, a bovate and a half of 20 acres, and half-bovates of $6\frac{1}{2}$ and 8 acres respectively; that the meadows were divided into strips in permanent occupation, to which the name of fordales is sometimes applied; and that a portion of the village land was employed for several pasture.

BASSINGHAM, CO. LINCOLN.

(1) Brief rental of Bassingham, undated, but probably of the latter part of the thirteenth century.

(2) Charter of Ralf de Staunton, stating that whereas the manor of Bassingham ought to revert to him after the death of Elizabeth, widow of William his brother, for defect of heirs male, it shall remain to his son Thomas and Margaret his wife, daughter of Thomas Mapurley. Among the witnesses are William Disne, Brian de Herby, Richard de Herby, John fitz Aleyn, Bassingham, 1 December, 4 Henry IV. [1402.]

BILSTHORPE, CO. NOTTINGHAM.

Badly mutilated charter by which Sir John de Loudham grants to Sir Geoffrey de Staunton, James de Staunton, Richard de P... the manor of Bildesthorpe,§ with the advowson of the church of the said vill. Reference is made to other properties, but the details are illegible. Bilsthorpe, . . . 33 Edward III.

BINGHAM, CO. NOTTINGHAM.

[Early 13th century.]—Charter of Hugh, son of Clement, of Bingham, granting, with the assent of his heirs, to John, son of Simon of Alwrigton|| two adjacent selions in the fields of

* Gateshead, co. Durham.

† Shelton, co. Nottingham.

‡ Cotham, co. Nottingham.

§ This is the earliest extant reference to the manor of Bilsthorpe.

|| Alverton, co. Nottingham.

Bingham, at a yearly rent of one half-penny. For this gift the said John has given to Hugh thirteen shillings and sixpence. Hiis testibus :—Selvestro filio Hugonis de Bingham, Willelmo de Colstona, Waltero filio Roberti de Colston, Radulfo Franket, Willelmo filio Dñe, Radulfo le Ley, et aliis. *H. C. Staunton, Esq.*

BULCOTE, CO. NOTTINGHAM.

A small group of late documents, of which the earliest is the manumission by Alfred Berweke of Bulcote, and Margaret his wife, of Cecily, daughter of John Arnold of Bulcote. Hiis testibus :—Jacobus Wadde de Byrton Jorse,* gentelman; Johanne Strete de Bulcott, husbondman; Roberto Orrel de eadem, yoman; Willelmo Wytthenell, de eadem, yoman; et aliis. 1480, July 1.

BULLINGTON, CO. LINCOLN.

Release in French by Philip de Kyme of the suit to his court of Bolington, due from John de Barkeword,† for a bovat of land and a toft in Bullington. Golth',‡ St. Oswald's day, 31 Edward I.

DANETHORPE, CO. NOTTINGHAM.§

[Early 13th cent.]—Grant by Peter de Lindeseya|| to Gilbert de Saltfleteby¶ and his heirs of all Peter's land in the vill of Dormetorp; that is, one bovat and a half of land and one toft. To be held at a rent of one mark of silver and one pound of pepper yearly in lieu of all service. Hiis testibus :—Radulfo domino de Colingham, Magistro Radulfo de eadem villa, Waltero de Seocia, Alano fratre eius, Houeredo Lulli, Richard de Cotington,** Johanne de Cotington, Salomone clerico de Saltfleteby, Rogero de Landefort,†† et aliis.

EGMANTON, CO. NOTTINGHAM.

Eight charters dated between 1360 and 1470, conveying small parcels of land. Among the witnesses are Thomas de Eyvill [1360–1381], William Dayvyll [1422], Thomas Vescy [1381], William Paronell [1422–1451].

EWERBY, CO. LINCOLN.

Agreement by which William de Kerdeston, knight, grants to Gilbert de Carthorpe, for the term of ten years, the moiety of the lands in the manor of Gaunt in Iwardeby, which

* Burton Joyce, co. Nottingham.

† Barkwith, co. Lincoln.

‡ Goltho, co. Lincoln.

§ In the parish of South Collingham.

|| Evidently as co-heir of the family of de Limesi, to whose fief Danethorpe belonged in 1086.

¶ Saltfleetby, co. Lincoln.

** Coddington, co. Nottingham.

†† Langford, co. Nottingham.

H. C. Staunton, Esq. Roger de Kerdeston inherited from Juliana de Gaunt. Hiis testibus: Willelmo de Castello de Querington, Roberto fratre ejus, Roberto de la Grene de Welugby, Ricardo Dowe de Iwardeby, Willelmo filio Gilberti de cadem, et aliis. 9 Edward III.

FLAWBOROUGH, CO. NOTTINGHAM.

(1) Grant by Geoffrey de Staunton to John, son of Lece of Cotegrave,* of thirteen selions of arable and half an acre of meadow in Flowberge, which Geoffrey had bought from John le rede, of Dalington.† To be held by the said John and his heirs, without power of alienation, at a yearly rent of seven shillings and a halfpenny—two shillings and fourpence at the feast of St. Wulfram, two shillings and four pence halfpenny at the middle of Lent, two shillings and fourpence at the feast of the Assumption. Among the witnesses are Thomas de Cotum, Richard, son of Gervase the Clerk, John de Eyliston.

(2) Indented agreement between Sir William de Staunton and Sir John de Charnels, John de Schelton, and John de Bedewynd, concerning their respective rights of several pasture in the pasture of Flawborough, called le Frith. The parties are to have their respective shares of the pasture as delimited by their predecessors, and may depasture four beasts there for each bovat of their demesnes. If this is insufficient the parties are to buy more pasture there from those who have pasture to sell. Detailed regulations are laid down as to the paths to be observed in driving the cattle, and as to the relations between the herdsmen of the respective lords, and many other matters arising out of their rights of pasture are dealt with in the document. Among the witnesses are Sir Hugh de Hose, John Boroun de Screveton, John de Mountenay, Nicholas de Widmerpol,‡ William de Hotoft de Hoveringham. Sunday before the feast of St. John the Baptist, 2 Edward II.

There is also a detailed survey of the open fields of Flawborough made in 1635, to determine the division of the village tithes between the churches of Shelton, Staunton and Orston.

GRIMSTON,§ CO. NOTTINGHAM.

Grant by Soer de Huntingfeud to Richard Bek and Alice his wife, of two messuages and two bovates of land in Grimeston, in return for their homage and service, one messuage, twenty acres of arable, three acres of meadow, two acres of wood and an annual rent of sixteen shillings and six pence and four sticks of eels in Bramwith in the county of York. Reservation of suit every three weeks at the grantor's court of Grimston. Hiis testibus:—Dominis Willelmo le Vavasur, Johanne de Ewias,

* Cotgrave, co. Nottingham.

† Near Flawborough, now depopulated.

‡ Widmerpool, co. Nottingham.

§ In the parish of Wellow, now depopulated.

Edmundo Foliot, militibus, Alano de Smytheton,* Roberto de Sculthorp, Nicholao de Bramthiz, Reginaldo clerico de Fislake,† Johanne de Stubbes, Nicholao clerico, et aliis. H. C. Staunton, Esq.

KILVINGTON, CO. NOTTINGHAM.

[Henry II.‡]—Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Willelmus Morin dedi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Roberto filio Randulfi fratri Beatricis uxoris mee et suis heredibus duas bovas terre quarum una in Kilvinton et altera in Alurinton cum omnibus pertinenciis suis in campis, in pratis, in mariscis, in viis, in semitis, et in omnibus locis : illas easdem bovas quas ei dederat Randulfus pater ejus. Tenendas de me et meis heredibus pro servicio et humagio suo, reddendo annuatim ii^{os} solidos. xii. denarios ad pasca et xii. denarios ad festum sancti Michaelis pro omni servicio ad me pertinente, faciendo forinseum servicium. Hiis testibus :—Rogerio filio Randulfi, Ricardo de Houton, Malgero de Stanton, Galfrido de Musters, Willelmo Pincerna, Waltero Bretun, Hugone filio Rouland, Roberto filio Rouland, Hugone de Houton, Galfrido clerico de Stanton, Gervasio sacerdote de Kilvinton. (*Seal of white wax, with illegible design, suspended by a cord.*)

Five documents, one undated, prior to 1327, including a grant by Robert Morin of Kilvington to Ranulf his brother, of a toft in Kilvington [*circ.* 1280] ; a bond of William de Staunton, knight, agreeing to pay four quarters of wheat &c. yearly to Alice Willymot, the details in which show that the quarter in this neighbourhood was composed of four bushels ; and a charter of manumission dated 1326, by which Robert le Vou of Steynwath§ grants to Isabel, daughter of Richard of Kilvington and her daughters Maud and Margery *liberum statum corporum suorum . . . quem quidem liberum statum . . . habui ex manumissione et donatione Roberti filii Willelmi Moryn domini manerii de Kilvyngton*. The witnesses to this charter are John de Hereford de Berughby,|| senior, John his son, Robert, son of Bartholomew de Castorp,¶ William, son of Alan of Denton, William de Holme *de eadem*.

Thirteen documents dated between 1327 and 1377, mostly relating to acquisitions of land by Geoffrey de Staunton in Kilvington. In a deed of 1347 Hugh Rabaz, of Ardingworth, appoints John de Pickwell de Brampton juxta Dynggele** his attorney to deliver to Geoffrey de Staunton, seisin of the homages, rents, and services, belonging to the manor of Kilvington.

* Smeaton, co. York.

† Fislake, co. York.

‡ This date is determined by the attestation of Malger de Staunton, whose father was living at the close of Stephen's reign, while his son William possessed the family estates by 1190.

§ In the Wapentake of Winnibriggs, co. Lincoln.

|| Barrowby, co. Lincoln.

¶ Casthorpe, co. Lincoln.

** Brampton, near Dingley, co. Northampton.

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Ten documents dated between 1377 and 1473, with which may be noted a brief rental of the estates of Robert Markham in Kilvington and certain adjacent villages, dated 1572. There may also be mentioned the institution in 1559 of William Green to the rectory of Kilvington, vacant through the resignation of John Atkinson; the presentation by Henry the abbot and the monastery of Vaudey of John Atkinson, accolite, for ordination by the archbishop of York in 1523; and the similar presentation of William Atkinson by John, abbot of Roche in 1491.

NEWARK, CO. NOTTINGHAM.

One undated charter, and four charters dated between 1331 and 1417, relating to property in Northgate, measured *per ulnas*, and to a piece of land *que est burgagium* lying in 'le frerelane.' Two of the deeds also refer to small parcels of land in Averham and Kelhām, of which the boundaries are given. Among the witnesses are John de Vaus, knight [1349], Alan Fleming [1349], John Asseballok [1331], William de Aghram* de Newark, draper [1331]. A royal letter of protection for John Alcocke of Newark in 1554 bears the signatures John Byron, Gervis Clyfton, George Purpount.

NOTTINGHAM.

Charter of Ralf Palmer, of Nottingham, relating to property in the town situated near 'Malynhill.' Witnesses:—Robert Glade, then mayor of Nottingham, John Irlande, and John Jolyvet, bailiffs; William Ode, vicar of the church of St. Mary; Thomas Caynell. 25 March, 2 Henry V [1414].

OMPTON, CO. NOTTINGHAM.

Six undated charters; among which may be noted a grant by Roger Carter, of Almeton, conveying to William, son of Hugh the clerk of Welhawe† one rood of land *quam cepi in maritagium cum uxore mea in loco catallorum*. Three charters in this group are granted by Robert of Ompton, son of Richard of Muskham. Among the witnesses are John de Croxton de Kyrveshale,‡ John de Calneton§ in Knesale, Hugh Coly, Roger Freman. The boundaries refer to the land of Richard Foliot and of the abbot of Rufford.

Ten charters dated between 1341 and 1479; including a grant by Robert Hardere of Almeton to Richard his son, of all his tenements in the vill *una cum reversione dotis Alicie uxoris mee, in quam dotata est per me ad terminum vite sue per certas metas*. [1349.]

* Averham, co. Nottingham.

† Wellow, co. Nottingham.

‡ Kersall in Kneesall parish, co. Nottingham.

§ Caunton, co. Nottingham.

ORSTON, CO. NOTTINGHAM.

H. C. Staunton, Esq.

Three undated charters, and two indented agreements of 1261 and 1265 respectively, relating to small parcels of land in Orston held by members of the family of Travers of Alverton. The grantees are declared quit of the suit of court, which is owed in the soke of Orston on St. Thomas' day, and, in two cases, of the 'service of frankpledge' also. The place-name is rendered Orskinton in the deeds of 1261 and 1265, and Horston in the other documents, which are a little later, but fall within the lifetime of the same parties.

QUARRINGTON, CO. LINCOLN.

Four documents dated between 1337 and 1387; including a receipt by Hugh, vicar of Metheryngham, for ten pounds of sterlings paid by William du Chastell de Queryngton [1337], and an indented agreement between Gilbert Umfravill, Earl of Angus (Dangos), John de Herdeby, parson of Eyremyne,* and William du Chastel [1339]. In 1402 Ralf de Staunton, lord of Quarrington, grants to John Ledbetter de Sleford† all ash, oak, and elm trees growing between the fence of the orchard belonging to the manor and the way which leads to the house of William de Penyngton. Robert is allowed until the feast of the purification next following for felling the above trees and others given to him in the same document.

SAXONDALE, CO. NOTTINGHAM.

Indented agreement between Elizabeth, widow of Aleyn de Leke, *chivaler*, and Simon de Leke, *chivaler*, John de Aslaeton, parson of Briggeford, Hugh Boson, parson of Hokesworth, and Thomas Rose, vicar of Kynalton, who, with the assent of Richard de Leke, brother and heir of Aleyn, have delivered to Elizabeth her dower, including the manor of Saxendale, and lands in Basyngfeld, Sutton, and Bonyngton. [1369.]

SCREDINGTON, CO. LINCOLN.

Indented agreement, dated 1284, by which William de Staunton, knight, grants to Walter de Scretenton, merchant, a toft and a bovat of land and meadow in return for twelve marks of silver. If this sum be repaid within twelve years William de Staunton may resume possession of the property. The first witness is dominus H. le Hantayne de Scretenton.

Indented agreement, dated 1344, by which Geoffrey de Staunton, knight, grants to Thomas de Wike all his

* Armin, co. York.

† Sleford, co. Lincoln.

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ton, Esq.

right in the lands which William de Staunton granted to the said Thomas, as William de Hamelton, formerly archdeacon of York, had granted them to William de Staunton.

Receipt, in French, by Roger de Pedewardyn,* knight, to Geoffrey de Staunton and Thomas de Wyke, for forty shillings as relief, due after the death of William Dysny, son of William Dysny for half a knight's fee in Scredington. [1349.]

SIBTHORPE, CO. NOTTINGHAM.

(1) Indented agreement between William de Ros, lord of Hamelak, and the warden of the College of Sibthorpe, reciting that William de Ros, the former's grandfather, had given his licence to Simon de Sibthorpe to grant certain lands in Orston and Staunton to found a chantry in the latter place. Since, however, the said Simon had not the King's licence in this matter, he gave the lands to his younger son John, and he being unable then to obtain the King's licence, gave the lands to Thomas de Sibthorpe, parson of Beckingham, founder of the chapel of the blessed Mary of Sibthorpe. William de Ros therefore gives licence to the said Thomas to assign the lands in Staunton to the said warden of the chapel of the blessed Mary, notwithstanding the statute against the alienation of lands in mortmain. 12 February, 25 Edward III. [1353.] (*Fine armorial seal of William de Ros.*)

(2) Indented agreement by which William Sibthorpe, of Sibthorpe, about to cross the sea on the King's business, grants the manors of Sibthorpe and Stanton on the Wolds to Sir John de Leek and his son Simon. (*Thoroton*, I, 331.) The former manor is held of the King in chief as of the honour of Peverel. [18 Richard II.] There are other documents relating to this transaction.

STANTON IN THE PEAK, CO. DERBY.

Indented agreement by which William de Gratton grants to John de Shirley de Stanton and Margaret his wife, three messuages, four bovates of land, two parcels of meadow named Wernyngwro and le Heye, and the third part of Piggetor, with appurtenances in Stanton, which descended to William after the death of his brother Thomas. To be held by John and Margaret for their lives and the life of the survivor, rendering yearly a rose on the day of St. John the Baptist, and agreeing to maintain the houses upon the said messuages. When duly summoned by William or his bailiff the tenants of John and Margaret shall come to the two great courts of the said William at Gratton.† [1385.]

* Lord of the adjacent manor of Burton Pedwardine, co. Lincoln.

† Gratton, co. Derby.

STAUNTON, CO. NOTTINGHAM.

H. C. Staunton, Esq.

[Before 1140.*]—Oliverus de Ainecurt omnibus hominibus suis Francis et Anglis tam presentis quam futuris salutem. Sciatis omnes me dedisse et concessisse hereditarij Willelmo de Albineia feudum duorum militum quod Galfridus de Stanton tenet, et quod Radulfus meus avus dedit patri ejus. Et de cremento feudum dimidii militis in Gunworheby,† quod si non est ibi ex toto perficiam illud ei. De hoc predicto feodo duorum militum et dimidii prefatus Willelmus de Albini junior faciet mihi servicium unius militis sicut mei homines faciunt servicium unius militis. Hoc feudum dedi et concessi sibi et heredibus ejus, tenendam de me et de meis heredibus post me, et mihi fit meus homo. De hoc donacione sunt teste (*sic*) Willelmus de Colvill, Fulger de . . . , Willelmo (*sic*) de Perefite, Rogero de Berneville, Hugone Basset, Henrico Basset, Radulfo de Plungart, Roberto de Ropesley, Simund filio eius, Yweni de Albini et Galfrido fratre ejus, Radulfo Bosther et plures alii.

[*Circ.* 1190.]—Four documents relating to the manumission by William de Staunton of Hugh and John, sons of Simon of Alverton. (*English Historical Review* xxvi. 93–97.)

Indented agreement, dated 1257, between the prior of Haverholme and Sir Geoffrey de Staunton, settling various disputes which had arisen in connexion with their respective estates in Staunton. Hiis testibus: Dominis Willelmo de Kirketon, Simone de Aslacton, Thoma Amys, Radulfo de Starnell, Rogero Buzun, militibus, Roberto Maynard, magistro Radulfo de Beningword, Roberto Bardolf, et multis aliis. Armorial seal of green wax, with inscription — SIGILL GALFRIDI DE STAUNTON.

Grant by Robert de Castello to Peter le Vinet[er] of all Robert's tenement of the castle in the manor of Staunton and of all his land there, tilled and untilled, as his father and himself had held it. Hiis testibus: —Domino Willelmo de Stanton, Willelmo de Houeton capellano, Johanne [filio] Gervasii de Artecomb, Phillipo Prudum, Radulfo in Bosco, Hugone Lasey, et aliis.

Ten undated deeds, mostly referring to small properties in Staunton. The oldest of these is a document by which Simon Juvenis of Staunton exchanges with Sir Geoffrey de Staunton [1269] all his land and common in Rantoft and Milnetoft in the fields of Staunton for a piece of land three-quarters of a rood and three perches in length and one rood in breadth.

* This charter, which is only preserved in a fourteenth century copy, is cited, without witnesses, by Thoroton, *History of Notts.*, I, 305. The names of Robert de Ropesley and Iwini d'Albini, with that of William d'Albini, junior, refer the charter approximately to the middle of the twelfth century, and the grantor must therefore be the Oliver d'Aincurt who was killed in the battle of Lincoln in 1140. He must accordingly have been enfeoffed in a portion of the d'Aincurt barony in the lifetime of his father, Walter d'Aincurt, son of Ralf d'Aincurt, who died in 1166.

† Great Gonnerby, co. Lincoln.

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ton, Esq.

Five documents dated between 1312 and 1327, including an agreement of 1325 by which Sir William de Ros of Hamlake, grants to Simon de Sibbethorp leave to grant two bovates of land in Orston and one bovat in Staunton to found a chantry there.

Thirty-six documents, dated between 1327 and 1377. Among them may be mentioned :—

(1) A grant by Geoffrey de Staunton, knight, to John de Aslacton, parson of Briggefurd atte Briggend,* and Peter de Retherby, parson of Staunton, of his manor of Staunton, with the advowsons of the churches of Staunton and Kilvington. *Hiis testibus : domino Willelmo de Thorp, domino Ricardo de Grey de Landeford, domino Simone de Leke, domino Roberto Mounteny, domino Hugone Hose, domino Roberto de Cumpton, militibus, Roberto de Whatton, Johanne filio suo, Radulfo de Leke, Willelmo de Colston, Rogero de Colston Basset, Johanne Thomasson de Balderton, et aliis.* [1361.]

(2) Agreement, in French, recording the settlement, before Thomas de Roos, lord of Hamelak, William de Chetwynd, Symon de Leyke, John Holt, John Deyncourt, William de Rempston, and others, of disputes between Thomas de Staunton, and William de Hampsterley and Elizabeth his wife, concerning the manors of Staunton and Eyleston, the latter called le Stouhall. [1376.]

(3) Notification by Ralf, son of Sir Geoffrey de Staunton, that he has inspected a charter of Thomas de Staunton his brother, granting Agnes, daughter of Robert, son of Simon Eliot of Staunton, his niece (*nativa*), to John, son of Simon Eliot of Staunton, and releasing all right in her for himself and heirs. Ralf confirms the grant. [1373.]

Reference is made in different charters to John Paynel Gobion, knight, and Elizabeth his wife [1368]; to John de Golhall, parson of Eyleston [1376]; to Thomas de Sibethorp, parson of Beckingham† [1347]; to William Blake, parson of Staunton [1369].

Twenty charters dated between 1377 and 1399. It may be noted that in 1386 Thomas de Staunton grants his manor of Staunton with the advowsons of the churches of Staunton and Kilvington to Sir John de Loudeham the elder, Elias de Medulton, Roger, vicar of Benyngton, and Robert, parson of Shelton, who in the next year convey the property to Sir John de Loudeham the younger, Sir Hugh Husy, John Bozon, vicar of Stoke by Newark, and Hugh Bozon, parson of Hockesworth. Among the witnesses to these deeds are Sir Nicholas de Gausille the elder, Sir John de Leeke, Sir Richard de Byngham, and Sir Godfrey Foliambe. In 1395 Ralf de Staunton grants to Thomas Maperley, of Nottingham, a house called le Bercherie, in Staunton. In 1384 a deed is executed by

* i.e. West Bridgeford, co. Nottingham.

† Beckingham, co. Lincoln.

Thomas de Anglehill, rector of Eyleston, and Richard, vicar of Stoke by Newark, witnessed by Sir John Bozon, William de Remston, William de Leek, Thomas del West de Cotom, and John de Rodes de Stoke. *H. C. Staunton, Esq.*

A group of fifteen and early sixteenth century deeds ; of which the latest is a lease by William the prior and the convent of Haverholme, to Richard Wyndebanke, of Staunton, of their manor of Staunton [Haverholme], for the term of seventy-four years at a yearly rent of 4*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* [1531, October 24.] A fine seal is annexed. The earliest English deed in the collection is the following contract for the building of a barn :—

1472.—This endenture made betwix Thomas Staunton, of Staunton, Squyer, on the one part, and Hugh Wright, of Orston, wright, on the odir part, witnessith that the said Hugh shall make in Staunton to the said Thomas a lathe of iiii. baies, and fynd all maner stuff therto pertenyng ; pursuyng after the new lathe the which Nicholas Rodes made in lyngth, breed and heght and workmanship, stuffe of tymber and stonlatte at his own coste, wt. a pair of brode dores to cum wt. a wayn lathen at the ton syde and anodir pair dores of the todir to go furth with a tom wayn. The said Thomas to pay to the said Hugh fore the said stuffe and workmanship xiii. mark to be paid in this forme : That is to say in hand at the begynnyng to bye tymber with xls., and xls. within viij. daies next suyng midsomer day next comyng, and when he framys xlvis. viiid. and xlvis. viiid. when he hath reysed. And the said Hugh shall make the forsaid stuff redy within viij. daies next after midsomer next comyng, and all this covenantys of the part of the said Hugh to be don and fully fynysshed by the feste of the Invention of the Holy Crosse next comyng. The said Thomas to gife to the said Hugh for his reward half a quarter whete and half a quarter malte. In witnes herof the parties above said to this indenture entrechaungeably have putte their seales. Gifen at Staunton the xxiiij. day of May the xijth yere of the reign of King Edward the iiijth.

LETTERS AND PAPERS.

ROBERT, LORD LEXINGTON, to COLONEL WILLIAM STAUNTON.

[1649].—Sir : I have . . . a letter to my hand yesterday by the post dyrected to your self and my self and sum others. I opened it and found it from Mr. Hutchinson, the business concerninge the three bonds of Mr. Chambers, Mr. Barret, and Clay in which it seemes wee have yowr company, as it is yowr fortune to be in the Bondes, so I desyer the favor you will be here of Thursday next (nyne in the morninge)* to consyder with the rest, who I suppose will not fayle to meet you here what to propose to Mr. Hutchinson. I sent the letter to

* The words within brackets are inserted in the margin.

H. C. Staunton, Esq. Sir Tho. Williamson because most of the gentlemen are of that syde that were to have notice, and undertook to give Sir Roger Cooper and your self notice. Sir Roger will be here and hath sent one of purpose to Sir John Digby. The contents of the letter pretends cyvylyty, and that he is unwilling to take any rigorus lowr if wee be not wantinge to our selves and therefore desyers wee will meet, but you will see the letter and till then I will not increase your trouble. I adventured to appoint this place, but with this, if they lyked to appoynt any other I should by God's leave not fayle. I proposed that advantage to myself to see so many of my good frends under my poore rooffe, which is all I can expect in this business. My wyfe and selfe presents our services to my sweet cozen and yowrs and wish eyther power or oportunyty or any meanes to serve you in which I should appear, Sir, your faithful kinsman and humble servant,

Ro. LEXINGTON.

Kellam. July, Tewsday.

This letter evidently relates to the bonds given by a number of Nottinghamshire gentlemen for money to be employed in defence of Newark. The references to Colonel Hutchinson do not agree with the statement of Mrs. Hutchinson that the gentlemen in question had requested her husband to undertake the sequestration of their estates. [*Life of Colonel Hutchinson*; ed. Firth, 1906, 263-265.]

TIMOTHY KETTLEWELL [to MRS. STAUNTON].

Ladie,—I am taxed for procureing some order of the Committee to your disservice and therefore desired to endeavour the revoking it. This I should be unwilling to denye if I were the cause of yr. suffering. But if the Committee take notice that Colonell Stanton hath not done my Master that which he promised him and thereupon denye you that favor they intended you, I suppose till Mr. Stanton hath performed that they will not grant this though I request it since they value more Mr. Pierrepont's interest than any words of mine. It rests therefore more in yr. owne power than mine to procure what is kept from you, which I believe by this time you may be able to doe, and thereby you may right yr. selfe and oblige my master whoe (I am confident) will so far exceed his civility to you that you will soone finde the advantage you gaine in his friendship. I have lately written to him about this business, and so soon as I receive his answer shall doe his commands, which I wish may tend to yr. service, which I will studdie to advance, for I am, Ladie, your most humble servt.,

TIM. KEATLEWELL.

11^o Junii, 1646.

[Cf. *Life of Colonel Hutchinson*, 139.]

[WARRANT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE OF
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.]*H. C. Staun-
ton, Esq.*

These are to require all officers and souldiers belonging to this garrison, and to desire all officers and souldiers raised by authority of Parliament, to permitt Mrs. Anne Staunton, or whom she shall appoint, to looke into and oversee the repaires of the mannor house of Staunton in the County of Nottingham (late belonging to Colonell Staunton, a delinquent to the Parliament's service), and there to remaine during such time as the said house shall bee in repairing (as alsoe for securing the house to the end noe wast or spoile may be made there) without any your let or molestation. Given under our hands the 13th day of June, 1646.

FRS. WIDMERPOLE.

NICHOL. CHARLTON.

JOHN JAMES.

TH. SALUSBURY.

[Undated paper, evidently a list of contributions to be raised from various Nottinghamshire parishes by Royalist officers.]

Col. Ayre :					<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Norwell	..	..	..	..	80	0	0
Southwell	..	..	..	..	115	0	0
Bevercoats	..	..	..	..	20	0	0
Ansley*	..	..	..	..	50	0	0
Wilford	..	..	..	..	61	13	4
West Bridgford	..	..	..	..	55	0	0
Normanton super Soare	..	..	..	..	53	11	8
Sutton Bunnington	..	..	..	..	75	0	0
Stanford	..	..	..	..	72	0	0
					480	5	0 (<i>sic</i>)
Leift.-Col. Pudsey :							
South Muskham	..	..	..	..	95	0	0
Caunton	..	..	..	..	60	0	0
Malebeck	..	..	..	..	50	0	0
Winckbourne	..	..	..	..	50	0	0
Kingston	..	..	..	..	87	10	0
Little Leek	..	..	..	..	59	0	0
Great Leek	..	..	..	..	67	10	0
Goteham	..	..	..	..	65	0	0
Codlingstock	..	..	..	..	45	0	0
					579	0	0
Pla. Cartwright :							
Rolston cum membris	..	..	..	..	80	0	0
Kirtlington cum membris	70	0	0
Eggonton	66	13	4
Bilsthorpe	33	0	0

* *i.e.* Annesley.

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				<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Rempston	67	10	0
Thorpe	67	10	0
Widmerpoole	55	0	0
Wisall	52	5	0
Willoughby	70	0	0
				561	18	4
Capt. Whitecote :						
Northmuskham	..	..	..	98	17	0
Arnold	..	..	..	80	0	0
Felly	..	..	..	15	0	0
				193	17	0
Capt. Pluckley :						
Averam	..	..	..	75	0	0
Kellam	..	..	..	60	0	0
Laneham	..	..	..	92	10	0
Ruddington	..	..	..	75	0	0
Clifton cum membris	..	..	..	60	0	0
Barton in ye Beanes	..	..	..	60	0	0
Ratcliffe super Soare	..	..	..	81	0	0
Staunton	..	..	..	52	10	0
				556	0	0
Col. Staunton :						
Upton cum membris	..	..	..	55	0	0
Baseford	..	..	..	70	0	0
Selston	..	..	..	100	0	0
Bradmore	..	..	..	32	10	0
Thrumpton	..	..	..	50	0	0
Bunney	..	..	..	50	0	0
Keyworth	..	..	..	65	0	0
Plumtree	..	..	..	70	10	0
Eddolton	..	..	..	55	0	0
				£548	0	0

The collection also comprises a small number of other papers relating to the Civil War in Nottinghamshire, including various commissions signed by the King or the Earl of Newcastle. Reference may be made to a warrant signed by Charles I. at Welbeck on August 16, 1645, instructing Colonel Staunton to draw his regiment out of the garrison of Newark and to march to Tuxford and so forward under the convoy of Lieutenant-General Villiers.

COURT ROLLS, &c.

The collection includes the court rolls of the prebendal manor of Husthwaite, with Carlton, co. York, 1652-8; and

of the manors of Staunton and Staunton Haverholme, co. Nottingham, 1647-1665. There are isolated rolls of the manor of Kilvington, co. Nottingham, for the years 18 Henry VII., 31-33, and 36 Elizabeth, and there is a series of extracts from the rolls of Staunton extending from 20 Henry VII. to 16 Elizabeth.* There are lists of persons owing suit to Staunton court in 1596 and 1600, divided into freeholders, tenants, resiants, and villeins in gross—this last class comprising four persons of the same name; and there is a minute survey of the meadows of Alverton in 1575.

* Earlier rolls of Staunton, Alverton, and Kilvington are in the possession of Lord Middleton. [Middleton Report 288, 289, 301, 304.]

THE MANUSCRIPTS
OF
F. MERTTENS, Esq..
OF
ROTHLEY TEMPLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
AND
BILTON RISE, WARWICKSHIRE.

The documents of which a report is presented here are the property of F. Merttens, Esq., lord of the manor of Rothley, co. Leicester, and hitherto have followed the descent of this estate. The collection, as a whole is of much value for Leicestershire topography, but it includes few early documents relating to the manor of Rothley itself. The original of the famous custumal of the soke of Rothley is included in the series, but as this record has already been printed it is omitted from this report. With this exception, the most notable document in the collection is the original charter of John, as count of Mortain, to the Templars, who had obtained the anor and soke of Rothley, royal demesne in Domesday, from Henry II. A large number of documents illustrating the survival of the courts of this soke until the last century are also preserved but cannot be described in detail here.

F. M. STENTON.

[1192-1199.] Johannes comes Moreton Omnibus hominibus et amicis suis francis et Anglis et Hyb[ernis] salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse Deo et fratribus milicie templi Salomonis Jerusalem omnes donationes terrarum et hominum et elemosinarum que eis rationabiliter facte sunt vel fient in posterum, tam in ecclesiis quam in rebus et possessionibus mundanis. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predicti fratres et eorum homines omnes possessiones et elemosinas suas habeant et teneant cum soca et saca et tolla et theama et infangenethef et cum omnibus aliis libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus et quietanciis suis in bosco et plano, in pratis et pasturis et molendinis, in viis et semitis, et stagnis et vivariis et mariscis et piscariis et grangiis et virgultis infra civitates et burgis et extra, et in omnibus locis et in omnibus rebus

solutas et liberas et quietas de sciris et de hundredis et placitis et querelis et murthero et latrocinio et wapent(aciis) et scutagiis et geldis et denegeld(is) et hidag(iis) et assisis et de operationibus castellorum et pontium et parcorum et vivariorum et de fertdwit' et de hengewit' et de flemenefremth et de warpeni et de averpeni et de blodwita et de fichtwit' et hundredpeni et de thethingpeni. Et quieti sint de omni telloneo et passagio et pontagio et lestagio et stallagio et de omni seculari servicio et opere servili et exactione et de omnibus aliis occasionibus et consuetudinibus secularibus, excepta sola justicia mortis et membrorum. Hec omnia eis concessi in perpetuam elemosinam pro amore dei et pro anima regis H. patris mei et pro salute mea et Ricardi regis domini et fratris mei et A. regine matris mee et omnium antecessorum et successorum meorum, ubique in terris meis sicut Henricus rex pater meus et Ricardus rex dominus et frater meus eis concesserunt et confirmaverunt.

F. Merttens,
Esq.

T[estibus] Gaufr[ido] comite de Perthic; Willelmo de Wenn; Willelmo Pichetot; Theobaldo Walt'; Hug[one] de Malaln'; Radulfo Pluche; Rogero de Pl...; Radulfo Morin; Roberto Marmion. Apud Rothomag'.

ARNESBY, CO. LEICESTER.*

[Circa 1180.] Notum sit tam† futuris quam presentibus quod‡ ego Radulfus de lamere dedi et concessi§ ecclesie sancti Petri de Hernesbia unam acram terre ad pudt in puram et perpetuam elemosinam pro anima mea et pro animabus|| antecessorum meorum, liberam et quieatam (sic) ab omni seculari servicio.

His testibus: O. priore de Caldewellea¶ (sic); H. iuvene de bello campo; Hereberto de la mere; H. sacerdote; Hereberto persona; Roberto clerico; Ricardo clerico eiusdem ville.

Parchment tag for seal.

Sciant** tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Jacobus de la Mere dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Deo et ecclesie sancti Johannis de†† Caldewell et canonicis ibidem deo servientibus u(nam caru)catam terre in Ernesbi: illam, scilicet, quam Galfridus filius Willelmi tenuit, pro salute mea et uxoris mee, et pro anima patris... et pro animabus omnium antecessorum meorum in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, tenendam liberam et quietam ab omni servicio

* Cf. *Testa*, fo. 88.

† *quam* originally written, but erased. The charter was evidently written by an unpractised scribe.

‡ The original has *qud*.

§ *Concensi* originally; but the *n* is marked for deletion, and *s* is overlined.

|| Altered from *anibmabus* by deletion of the *b*.

¶ Caldewell priory, Bedfordshire, of which an Osbert, who appears in 1178 and 1186, is the first recorded prior.

** This charter is badly mutilated.

†† *de* repeated in original.

F. Merttens, Esq., et (consuetudine) mihi et heredibus meis pertinentibus, salvo forinseco servitio.

H(ii)s testibus: Galfrido c(apellano) de Kinemundecote*; Wille(lmo) de Charneles; Willelmo Oildeset; Heustace le noble; Hereberto de la Mare; Ada de la Mare; . . . de Buchebi; Willelmo de Chilebi†; Hugone clerico de Kerdint‡; Ricardo fratre eius; Willelmo de Aunestoe§; Ricardo de . . . ario; Radulfo de Feringes; et multis aliis.

Fragmentary seal of white wax on parchment tag.

Charter of James de la Mare granting to God and St. Mary and St. John of Caldwell and the canons there half a virgate which Ralf Sad had formerly held in Ernesbi. He makes the gift for the souls of himself, Joan his wife, his father and mother, and Ralf de la Mere his uncle. He also grants to the church of Caldwell Richard son of Richard, with his wife, sons and daughters, free as regards himself and his heirs.

Hiis testibus: Magistro R. de Ernesbi; Johanne Decano de Blab'¶; Galfrido capellano de Cnapetoft¶; Ricardo capellano de Kilebi; Simone capellano de Ernesbi; Willelmo domino de Brentingstorp*; Willelmo Oyl de Ver; Galfrido Halden; Rogero Wigot; Willelmo de Kevelingw††; Hereberto de Lamare; Ada filio eius; Henrico de Lamare; Ricardo de Kardintun; Ricardo de Burna; Willelmo persona de Brentingstorp; et Petro Clerico qui hanc cartam scripsit, et multis aliis.

Large but broken seal of white wax, bearing a figure on horseback with a drawn sword and shield. No inscription is now visible.

Two charters of Geoffrey de Sandun: (1) confirming to the church of St. Peter of Arnesby half an acre there formerly given by James de la Mere his uncle; (2) granting to the church of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist of Caldwell a virgate of land in Arnesby, held of Geoffrey by Robert Doubus, who is accustomed to render yearly two shillings to Geoffrey and twelve pence to the church of Arnesby to furnish lights before the altar of St. Nicholas. For the future Robert Doubus shall hold of the canons of Caldwell, saving his service to the church of Arnesby and to the king.

Hiis testibus: Domino David de Flitte‡‡; Ricardo de Chiselhantun§§; Gileberto de Stepingel|||; Willelmo Capellano; Simone vicario de Ernesby; Roberto nepote de Ernesby;

* Kimcote, co. Leicester.

† Kilby, co. Leicester.

‡ Cardington, co. Bedford.

§ Elstow, co. Bedford.

¶ Blaby, co. Leicester.

¶ Knaptoft, co. Leicester.

* Bruntingthorpe, co. Leicester.

†† Kilworth, co. Leicester.

‡‡ Flitton, co. Bedford.

§§ Chiselhampton, co. Oxford.

||| Steppingley, co. Bedford.

Simone filio Galfridi; Waltero de Essendun; Roberto filio *F. Merttens, Esq.*
Gileberti; et multis aliis.

Seal of green wax, bearing a gryphon and the legend: SIGILL GALFRID FIL RICAR.

Charter of Oliver de Sandun and Lucy his wife confirming the second charter of Geoffrey de Sandun quoted above. Witnesses: Simon vicar of Ernesby; Walter de Sandun; John de Coddree*; Robert 'Nepos' de Ernesby; William Everard de Ernesbi; John de Dunstapl; Nicholas de Pettelho &c.

Seal of green wax bearing a boar's head and the legend: + s OLIVIR DE SANDUN.

BARROW ON SOAR, CO. LEICESTER.

Group of eleven charters, two undated, relating to Barrow on Soar, Quarndon, Swithland, and Woodhouse.

(1.) [13th cent.] Grant by John de Anisty to Agnes his daughter of one virgate in Barewe, with a toft and croft and appurtenances within the bounds and liberties of Barewe, which descended to him after the death of Edith his mother, daughter of Vincent of Barewe.

Hiis testibus: Dominis Roberto le Waleys de Swithelaund, Johanne le Fauconer, militibus; Ricardo de Lewes de Barewe; Gilberto Pedman de Barewe; Hugone Herberto de eadem; Alexandro de Lewes de eadem; et aliis.

(2.) [Late 13th cent.] Grant by Walter de Sulye, knight, to Robert le Someter in Wodehousis of nine acres there in fee-farm for 9 shillings payable at four terms, free otherwise except for two suits at Walter's view of frankpledge at Barrow at Michaelmas and Easter.

Witnesses: William Gerard de Woodhousis; Hugh Herbert de Querindon; Richard de Lewys in Barewe; Alexander Pygot; Gilbert Pedman de eadem; Simon son of John de eadem; Thomas le Faukenyr de eadem.

Seal missing.

In other documents of this group occur the names of William Malorie of Walton, Thomas de Erdyngton, John Baxter vicar of Thursyngton† (all in 18 Richard II); Thomas Erdington, knight, chief lord of Barowe (33 Henry VI). In 11 Henry IV William Fauconer de Thurkeston‡, knight, son of John Fauconer, knight, conveys a messuage in Swithland.

CALDECOTE, CO. WARWICK.§

Two charters of Philip son of Milo Barbe de Averil, releasing to the prior and monks of Coventry all his right in the estate of Chaldecot, of their fee, which he and his predecessors have

* Cottered, co. Hertford.

† Thrussington, co. Leicester.

‡ Thurcaston, co. Leicester.

§ That is Calcutt in Grandborough.

F. Merttens, Esq. been accustomed to hold by the free service of a stone of wax yearly. For the more security of this transaction he has given to the prior and monks all the documents which he possesses relative to the estate.

Hiis testibus: Magistro Ricardo vinetario; Ricardo de Aula; Willelmo Crude; Ricardo Aurefabro; Willelmo pistore; Willelmo de Wilnhall(a)*; Andrea de Stok; Radulfo de Sulham; Thoma coco; Willelmo de Covintre; et aliis.

Seal of brown wax.

March 5, 18 Richard II. Indented agreement between James, prior of the cathedral church of St. Mary of Coventry, and Edmund Herdewyke, of Lynley, relating to rents of four virgates of land in Caldecote juxta Napton held by the said Edmund.

Witnesses: William de la Pole; William de Alleslegh†; William Hose; William de Offechirche‡; Simon de Felton de Henley.

*Seal of red wax, bearing a shield charged with a saltire engrailed between four mullets. Legend: * S EDMUND HERDWICK.*

COSSINGTON, CO. LEICESTER.

Ten undated charters earlier than 1310 and two charters dated respectively 1272 and 1286. These documents mostly relate to small parcels of land, but two of them bear on the manorial descent:—

(1.) Grant by William de Meysham,§ knight, to Roger de Wauton, knight, of William's entire manor in the vill of Cosinton, to be held of him by the service of half a knight. For this gift Roger has given to William 320 marks of sterlings.

Witnesses: John de la Lynde, William de Eyte, Stephen de Eddeworth||, Geoffrey de Pey, knights; Philip le Breton; Nicholas de Cogunho¶; et aliis.

Seal of green wax.

(2.) Grant by Roger de Wauton to his son Robert de Wauton of his chief messuage in Cosintoun, with the arable land belonging to it, and with the rents, customs, and homages of all his tenants whether free men, villeins or cottars. Rendering to the said Roger two marks yearly and to the lords of the fee the accustomed service.

Witnesses: Sir Richard de Witsaund; Roger de Somervile de Cosinton**; Robert Barre de Billing'; Thomas his brother; Gilbert de Deneford; et aliis.

Oval seal of brown wax.

* Willenhall, co. Warwick.

† Allesley, co. Warwick.

‡ Offchurch, co. Warwick.

§ Measham, co. Leicester. Cf. *Testa*, fo. 95.

|| Edworth, co. Bedford.

¶ Cogenhoe, co. Northampton.

** Cf. *Testa*, fo. 95.

Other grantors of lands are William Pinkeneye de Cosinton ; Thomas de Dranefeud and Walter son of Roger Leverich, whose names appear among the witnesses to other deeds, with those of Sir William le Wileys de Anelep* [1272]. Nicholas, rector of Cossington, Richard Petitecunseil, Roger Hosemount. F. Mertens,
Esq.

Fifteen charters dated between 1310 and 1483. Among them may be mentioned :—

(1.) Charter of John German of Cossington, Roger and Simon Somervyll, Alexander Meysham, Henry Broun, Thomas Bateman, Thomas and Gilbert Hand, then wardens of the parish church of Cussyngton, granting to Geoffrey Asselin, for three pounds duly and openly paid in the said church, half a rood of arable land quit of all rent.

Witnesses : John German (with six others, named) *et multis aliis de eodem villenagio*.

Feast of St. Petronilla, 12 Richard II.

Eight seals appended, each bearing 

(2.) Grant by the prior and convent of Ulvescroft to John de Tyryngton and Joan his wife of a portion of a messuage (in Cossington).

22 Jan., 18 Richard II.

Oval seal of white wax.

(3.) 14 Henry IV. Charter of John German the elder of Cossington to John his son and Joan, John's wife, daughter of Geoffrey Poutrell of Radecluf,† granting, with other property in Cossington, his water and fulling mill with all suits and easements thereto belonging.

Witnesses : William Somervill ; John Tyryngton ; Thomas Pinkenye of Cossington ; and others.

Seal, bearing a branch.

(4.) 18 Edward II. Grant, indented, of Joan widow of Richard de Belegegrave to William Pynkenie of Cosyngton and Isabel his wife of one bovate of arable land with appurtenant meadow and pasture in Cossington. Details are given, from which it appears that the bovate in question lay in thirty-seven scattered parcels, amounting in all to $33\frac{1}{2}$ roods and two *quadrantes*. As the *quadrans* was evidently a quarter rood, this particular bovate contained $8\frac{1}{2}$ acres, or virtually half the 15 acres of the normal bovate elsewhere.

Among the witnesses to this series of deeds are Nicholas, rector of Cossington (1316) ; Roger de Somerville, lord of Cossington (1325) ; Sir Edward Wylughby, knight, lord of Cossington (1370) ; William Cosyngton, vicar of Norton juxta Galby‡ (1392) ; Thomas Erdyngton, knight, of Barowe

* Wanlip, co. Leicester.

† Ratcliffe on the Wreak, co. Leicester. See below, p. 386.

‡ Norton by Twycross, co. Leicester.

F. Merttens, Esq. super Sore (1449). Among local names cited are :—Wolpetewong, Houerfuldolys, the mill-pool of Sytheston,* Burbladehyl, Rencheston, le Wro, Hungerhil, Schar dewilfurlong, Maimberthorn, Wadethorn.

DALBY ON THE WOLDS, CO. LEICESTER.

(1.) [Undated.] Grant by Walter Daniel of Dalby super Wald' to Hugh Smith of Dalby of two acres and a rood of meadow with the holmes (*cum holmis*) and other appurtenances.

Witnesses : William de Dalby ; Andrew dictus Louyrd ; Richard Banastre ; Ralf son of Walter le Louyrd ; John de Brogton,† clerk.

(2.) Grant by John son of Andrew le Lord of Dalby to Hugh Smith of a bovate of land there.

DROITWICH, CO. WORCESTER.

Six documents dated between the years 1389 and 1392 relating to the salt works of Droitwich. As an example may be given :—

Charter of Thomas Dragon of Wych, granting to William de Spernore a salt-house containing one vat of brine (*bulleriam meam unius plumbi aque salse*) with its appurtenances in Wych, and one vynstall in Upwyeh situated between the salt-pit (*salina*) of John Alewy and that of Roger Stevenns.

The charters are all witnessed by the bailiffs of Droitwich, giving the series John de Froymere and John Bate (12 Richard II) ; John Bate and John Bras (13 Richard II) ; Henry de Blachecote and John Bate (14 Richard II) ; John Bachecote and Henry Bachecote (15 Richard II). It may be remarked that the salthouse mentioned in the charter quoted changed hands at least once yearly during this period.

LEICESTER.

Thirty-four charters, mostly undated, but all earlier than 1307, relating chiefly to the suburb outside the east gate of Leicester.

(1.) Charter of Roger de Outheby,‡ Hugh de Friseby and William son of Miles de Croxton *conservatores terrarum et reddituum et tenementorum collatorum et assignatorum sustentationi divine celebrationis de gloriosa virgine Maria in ecclesia sancte Margarete Leycest̃r*. With the common consent of all the parishioners of the same church, they have granted to Maud Grundi for her life the moiety of the land which formerly belonged to William Grundi in the east suburb of Leicester,

* Syston, co. Leicester.

† Nether Broughton, co. Leicester.

‡ Oadby, co. Leicester.

in the street which leads to Belgrave. For this land, Maud *F. Merttens, Esq.* shall render to the grantors and their successors sixpence half-penny at the terms customary in Leicester. They have sealed this charter with the seal appointed for the guardians of the worship aforesaid.

Witnesses : John Wineger ; Walter de Lidington* ; David de Hoby† ; William Britwere ; Robert Benet ; Yvo de Rothele ; Roger the clerk ; and others.

Seal lost.

(2.) Release, by Alice Britwere, widow of Thomas de Scrapetoft,‡ to William de la Waynhouse of all her claim by reason of dower in a piece of land in Belegravegate which Thomas her husband sold to Richard de la Waynhouse. For this, William has given to Alice two shillings and shall render yearly to the Hospital of Jerusalem one halfpenny.

Witnesses : Thomas Gumfrey, mayor of Leicester ; Robert de Dauby and Robert de Wyluby, bailiffs, and six others (named).

Small oval seal bearing a fleur de lis : S ALIC . . . HOM' D' SCRAP.

(3.) Charter of Henry Schaune with the advice and assent of Alice his wife, granting to Ralf de Cnapetoft and Letice his wife land in the parish of St. Nicholas, Leicester, concerning which there had been a plea between them held by the king's writ. Concord was made when Sir Roger de Turkilby, master Simon de Walton, and other justices of the king were itinerant at Leicester. Ralf and Letice are to hold this land at a rent of sixpence and a hen yearly.

Witnesses : William de Sancto Laudo and Peter son of Roger, aldermen of Leicester ; Robert de Stocton, bailiff ; Ralf Oliver ; Wilard de Lincoln ; Henry de Rudinton ; Alexander le Deboneyre ; Simon Schaune ; William Walker ; and others.

Seals of Henry and Alice originally appended. One illegible seal only remaining.

(4.) Easter, 1285. Indented charter of William son of Richard de Merkyngfeud§, granting to Richard his father, for life, certain lands which the said William has by the gift of Isolda de Dyngleya. Richard shall render yearly to William a pair of white gloves worth one penny, to the earl of Leicester on William's behalf three halfpence, and to Isolda a rose. He shall also maintain at his own charge the buildings upon the land.

Witnesses : Thomas Gunfrey, mayor of Leicester ; Robert de Dauby, bailiff ; Geoffrey de Erthburg ; Robert Benet ; William de Thornton ; Walter son of Alan ; John de Esseby ; Herbert de Swythelund ; Adam Kokynbret ; Roger the clerk ; and others.

* Liddington, co. Rutland.

† Hoby, co. Leicester.

‡ Scraptoft, co. Leicester.

§ Markfield, co. Leicester.

F. Merttens, Esq. (5.) Charter of William Loveman, granting in free marriage with Margery his daughter to William of Newcastle, for his homage and service, fourteen pence halfpenny of yearly rent from nine specified tenements in Leicester.

Witnesses: Peter son of Roger, alderman of Leicester*; William de Seynlo; Richard, bailiff of Leicester; Simon Dayred; Alexander le Boner; Henry de Rodinton†; William de Ayleston‡; William Marscall, clerk; and others.

Seal bearing cross: S WILL LOVEMAN. . . .

(6.) 1271. Grant by Roysia daughter of Helias Boves to Richard de Merkyngfeud of one *quartrona* of land in the east suburb of Leicester in Longcroft. For this land Richard has given twenty-six shillings to Roysia and shall render yearly to the earl of Leicester fourpence halfpenny and one hen and a half.

Witnesses: John Wyneger (and ten others, named).

Oval seal of green wax: * + S' ROSE VXOR TOME VTR.

The following attestations of mayors and bailiffs may be quoted: Alexander le Deboner, mayor; William Leffe, Robert de Daleby, bailiffs; Walter le Brun, mayor; Peter Unfrey, Robert de Daleby, bailiffs; Walter le Brun, mayor; William Leffe, Peter Umfrey, bailiffs (1275): Adam de Merlaue, mayor; William le Engleys, bailiff; William le Engleys, mayor; Adam de Merlaue, bailiff; William le Engleys, mayor; Ralf de Honecote, Robert de Wiluby, bailiffs; William le Engleys, mayor; Robert de Dalby, Robert de Wyluby, bailiffs; Thomas Gumfrey, mayor; William Palmer, Robert Smith, bailiffs (1290): Thomas Gumfrey, mayor; Robert de Dauby, Robert de Wyluby, bailiffs; Peter Umfrey, mayor; Thomas Gumfrey, Laurence le Seller, bailiffs; William le Palmer, mayor; Thomas Gumfrey, Peter Umfrey, bailiffs (1301): Robert de Wiluby, mayor; Thomas Gumfrey, Peter Umfrey, bailiffs (1302). Although exact dates are rarely given in this series of deeds, these names supplement the published lists of the first mayors and bailiffs of Leicester. [*Records of Leicester*, ed. M. Bateson, I, 401-403.] The signatures of Simon Curlevache and William de Seintlo as aldermen with Wilard of Lincoln and Walter Brunmam as bailiffs belong to a time before the establishment of the mayoralty *circ.* 1250.

Twenty-seven documents later than 1307, chiefly of the reign of Edward III. Most of them are witnessed by the mayor or bailiffs of Leicester, but as the order of these officers is well determined the names are not repeated here. Other persons to whom reference is made in these documents are John de Kircoby, perpetual vicar of Roteby§, Simon de Scaldeford||,

* Afterwards appearing as the first recorded Mayor of Leicester. See *Belvoir Report*, iv, 182.

† Ruddington, co. Nottingham.

‡ Aylestone, co. Leicester.

§ Ratby, co. Leicester.

|| Scalford, co. Leicester.

chaplain and prebendary of the church of St. Mary of Leicester, *F. Merttens, Esq.* John de Lithirpolt (all 5 Rich. II), Nicholas Beleawe, rector of Braundeston (20 Edward III). The whole series includes many fine seals of Leicester burgesses, few of which bear an armorial character. Among local names are:—Humbyrston-gate, Wlrunlane, the Bishop's garden in the east suburb, the Bishop's land called Longcroft in the east suburb, the earl's oven outside the north gate, Sorelane, Ploumanlane, Normandy, Barkebylane, le Mersselane. In 1473 a grant is made of three houses 'before the sign which is called Sterne in Leicester.' The documents seem likely to be of value for local topography, relating, as they do, to land in the east of the town, a quarter imperfectly illustrated in the published collection of medieval Leicester deeds.

MANTHORPE, CO. LINCOLN.

[13th cent.] Charter of Claricia and Matilda, daughters of William de Billefeld,* by which they quit-claim to God and St. Guthlac of Crowland all their right in the land which Ralf son of John of Burthorpp gave in Burthorpp† and Mane-thorpp‡ to the monks of Crowland.

Hiis testibus: Domino Regin(aldo) de Welle; Domino Alexandro de Pointon; Nicholao de Flora; Reginaldo de Berch; Petro de Lekeburne; Petro de Brumford; Willelmo de Lardar; Osberno de Cellario; Nicholao filio ejus; et aliis.

NARBOROUGH, CO. LEICESTER.

Grant by Hugh de Northburgh, knight, to master Michael of Northburgh of a portion of a garden there.

Sunday after feast of St. Michael, 25 Edward III.

POTTERS MARSTON, CO. LEICESTER.

(1.) 1 Richard II. Indented agreement (mutilated) between William de Greneburgh, prior of the cathedral church of St. Mary of Coventry, and Reginald de Shirland, rector of Barwell.§ The prior and convent grant to Reginald their chief messuage and whole demesne in Pottersmerston, reserving to themselves all rents, reversions, wardships, marriages, reliefs, waif and stray, frankpledge, &c. Full details are given with regard to the entertainment of the steward of the priory when visiting the manor and to the maintenance of the estate.

Seals of the prior and Reginald de Shirland.

(2.) 15 Henry VI. Grant by Ralf Myryell of Bitteswell|| to John his son of all the lands which Ralf has together with William de Ferrers of Groby, knight, and Nicholas Metley, armiger, in Potters Marston, as he has them from the gift of

* Bitchfield, co. Lincoln.

† Birthorpe in Sempringham, co. Lincoln.

‡ Near Witham on the Hill, co. Lincoln.

§ Barwell, co. Leicester.

|| Bitteswell, co. Leicester.

F. Merttens, Esq. John Myryell, lately vicar of Claybrook,* son and heir of William Myryell of Potters Marston.

Hiis testibus: Willelmo Trussell, milite; Roberto Morton, milite; Ricardo Acton, armigero; Johanne Palmer de Stanton; Roberto Voysy de Shylton†; et multis aliis.

RATCLIFFE ON WREAK, CO. LEICESTER.

Charter of Geoffrey Powtrell de Rotelefe super Wreke, releasing to Elizabeth his wife all his lands in Rottelefe and in Thrussyngton.

Dec. 11, 26 Henry VI.

ROTHLEY, CO. LEICESTER.

A group of 44 documents, 3 undated, 1 dated 1268, 4 dated between 1307 and 1400, 36 dated between 1400 and 1485. None appear to be earlier than 1250, and all relate to small parcels of land. Among local names mentioned are Westmanmedwe, Holdegore, Gyldenedolys, Gyldehowsgate, le Yverholmes, Swallowhow, le Retherend, Kynwardepolefurlong, le brynkes, Netherlaund templi, Ivorylane, Onelepesyhe, the templars' land, the croft of the prior of the Hospitallers (21 Henry VI), the land of the laity of Glenfield, the common wood (*comunem boscum*). As personal names, Amisia Ketylbern (11 Henry VI), William Cnotte, Nigel Dunning, Alan son of Iuwete, may be quoted. In one document the moiety of a half rood and two swathes of meadow are conveyed.

The following document illustrates the organisation of the soke of Peterborough in the fifteenth century:—

1468. Memorandum of an examinacion hadde and taken atte the hundred of Hokeslowe‡ holden atte the lete of Slipton§ in the counte of Norhampton afore William Palmer squyer depute to the lorde Hastynges cheffe styward of Borough Soken, Richard Armeston, John Bernhill, clerkes to the said William Palmer in the said counte on Tuysday next before the feste of Symon and Jude the yere of the regne of Kyng Edward the fourthe the viij^{te} by the othes of John Burton, John Lord, John Jesson of Wodeford,|| Richard Wellys of the same, Richard Curteys, John Goodfelowe, John Puttok, Henre Reyndon, John Carter, Henre Basset, John Abbot and Thomas Course, upon a feoffament and estate supposed to be made by oon syr William Ivett late parson of Wodeford withynne the said hundred and counte to on syr John Derby vycar of Rotheley by a dede and a letter of attorney directed to the said vycar now of Rotheley in the counte of Leycetre afore the deth of the said parson of a place, certeyn londes, medowe, and pasture with the appurtynance in the toun and

* Claybrook, co. Leicester.

† Earl Shilton, co. Leicester.

‡ Huxlow, co. Northampton.

§ Slipton, co. Northampton.

|| Woodford, near Thrapston, co. Northampton.

feldys of Rotheley fore said ; and upon that, the seid xii men *F. Merttens, Esq.* indifferently chosen and sworn at the said hundred, as well for the kyng as for the trouthe to be understoud, upon theyre othes for trouthe in open hundred seyn, and be redy at alle tymes to seye, pat they nor none of them never knewe nor understode pat the seid syr William Ivett never made eny estate nor feoffament nor caused to be made by dede ne letter of attorney nor otherwyse to the seid syr John Derby nor to Thomas Myton nor to non oper to his use of the seid londe nor of no parcell perof, but that they understoude and upon theyre othes seyn for trouthe pat y^e seid syr William Ivett late parson of Wodeford afore seid died seased of y^e seid place, londe, medowe, and pasture, wt. theyre appurtynance. Also the seid xij men certifie pat we [*sic*] have a letter testimoniall from syr John Derby pat he had never dede ne letter of attorney before rehersed, nor never sawe non. What more it was proved openly in ye seid hundred pat the seid dede and letter of attorney was forged and made viij dayes after the deth of the seid syr William Ivett be on maister John Burton notary at y^e request of iij persons : pat is for to sey Roger Lenton, Robert Symond, and Thomas Porchett, and shewed openly a copy of the same dede beryng date pat it was made at Rotheley ye vi day of Marche the iide yere of kyng Edward ye iiijth, and where pat þey say so the contrary is true, ye seid maister John Burton notary hath knowledged before all ye persones before rehersed pat ye seid dede was made at Wodford forged. In witnesse where of as well the seid William Palmer depute to the chefe styward, Richard Armeston, John Bernhill clerkys to ye seid William as the seid xij men before rehersed to this present wrytyng severally have set to her seales. Yeven at Slipton y^e day and the yere abovesaid.

Twelve seals on five strips of parchment.

SPALDING, CO. LINCOLN.

11 Edward II. Two charters of Walter de Spalding, parson of the church of Leyk* in Hoyland (1) granting to Walter Cluny a messuage at Coldhalegote, with two cottages belonging to it, abutting on the great bank of Spalding ; (2) appointing John Alcat his brother his attorney to give seisin of this property to Walter Cluny.

SWEPSTONE, CO. LEICESTER.

[Late 13th cent.] Grant by Nicholas de Warton to Robert Townsend (*ad finem ville*) of Swepiston, Juliana his wife, and William their son, of 3½ acres of arable land there for the life of the last survivor. Among the boundaries may be mentioned Cobytheforlong, Cathoston, Hunfreisput, the land of Moses of Ibbestok,† the Lord's orchard.

* Leake, co. Lincoln.

† Ibstock, co. Leicester.

F. Merttens, Witnesses : William son of William de Swepiston ; William
Esq. Botiler de Henton ; John Burgilun de eadem ; Walter Mallory
 de eadem.

SYWELL, co. NORTHAMPTON.

Indented agreement between Thomas* prior of the church of St. Andrew of Northampton and William son of Thomas of Sywelle and Joan his wife, granting to William and Joan a messuage and half virgate which William of Weiligborget† held in bondage there.

Isolated charters in this collection relate to Ashby de la Zouch and Knighton, co. Leicester, Horbling, co. Lincoln.

COURT ROLLS &c.

The rolls and rentals of the manor of Rothley are of unusual interest owing to the survival, until a recent period, of the soke to which the place gave name. From the beginning of the reign of Elizabeth the series of rolls is almost complete, but only isolated documents of the kind are preserved from an earlier time. The earliest roll is dated 8 Richard II. A rental of 25 Henry VIII exists in the collection, together with two copies of the thirteenth century custumal of the soke (*Archæologia* xlvij). There is also a complete series of rolls of the ecclesiastical court of the peculiar of Rothley extending from 1615 to 1625 ; and a large number of late documents relating to this jurisdiction are included. Apart from the Rothley series, there is an isolated roll of the courts held for the prince‡ in a number of Leicestershire villages in May, 21 Edward IV (1481). The villages are Thorpe Langton, Ullesthorpe, Queeniborough, Rearsby, Rotherby, Brooksby, and Cossington.

* Thomas Culverdon was chosen prior in 1309-10.

† This document is badly stained, and this name, in particular, is almost illegible.

‡ Edward, prince of Wales.

ADDITIONAL MANUSCRIPTS
OF
SIR HERVEY JUCKES LLOYD BRUCE.

“A Copy of the Register of Bishops Castle for the
Year 1593.”

1593.—“Hoc tempore coepit Deus nos castigare acri sua castigatione ita ut 174 homines et pueri gravissimo et violentissimo morbo et contagio pestilentiae correpti mortem obierunt; sic visum est Deo nos affligere quia in tanta messe et praedicatione verbi sui Deo spreto sanctum Sabbatum violavimus, xx^{mo} 4^{to} enim die Junii, qui fuit Dies Dominicus, majores plerique et inhabitantes hujus burgi consentierunt ut nundinae eo die servarentur; quocirca in ipso scelere ut fures deprehensi sunt.”

JOHN MARSTON to SIR GERVASE CLIFTON.

[fl. 1600.]—“Lett me intreate you to addmitt my most inforced excuse for not yett sending the booke. First with my owne hand I wrott one coppye; for all the rest which I hadd caused to be transcribed were given and stolne from me att my Lord Spencer’s. Then with all suddeine care I gave my coppy unto a scrivener to write out, who is now oppon it and will instantly have ended it. You shall find it attend you att your returne from Sir John Harper’s.

“I hadd attended my Lady Dorithy if I could possibly have provided your booke, which only busines kept me att home. And so I beseech you, sir, as this is a most true, so lett it be a most sufficient satisfaction for detaining my promise.

“As for your carefull tendering your worde, it approves you worthy your name and noble auncestors, whose virtues the rumor of this contry hath given me att full.

“Be you ever the heire of their virtues, as of their possessions, and my unworthy spiritt shall ever acknolege due honor to such merriitt. I have now but one request to you, which is, that our acquaintance may grow to the deere title of frendshipp, which respectes not outward fortune but inward desert, wherein I will ever be most industrious to equall you. And so desiering ever to live in your loving remembrance, I rest the harty lover of you and your virtue.”

³ P.

Endorsed, “Poet Marston.”

Sir Hervey
Bruce.

SIR WALTER RALEGH to LADY RALEGH.

[1603, Dec.]—*Headed* “A Coppie of a Lettre of Sir Water Rawleyes written to his wief the night before his death expected.” *This letter, which is of doubtful authenticity, is printed, Edwards’s Life of Raleigh, ii, 284, and elsewhere.*

SIR GERVASE CLIFTON.

1616, May 24. Moothall of East Retford.—Grant by the bailiffs and burgesses of East Retford, co. Nottingham, to Sir Gervase Clifton, bart., of the office of chief steward of that town, as held by Gilbert late Earl of Shrewsbury, for life; with an annuity of 4*l.* *Latin. Town seal (in good preservation).*

“A Discourse or Description of his Majesty’s Entertainment in Scotland, and of that Land.”

[c. 1617].—“Sweete hearte, beinge full of buisines, I could not write so often as I would, yet, if you but looke over the leafe, you shall se I have not beene altogether unmindefull of you. It was your request I should send you songes, but my heart is not yet settled uppon a merry pinne. I doe not joy so much in the estate I hope for in this kingdome, as I envy your man Tom’s happines, in that he lives in a country where he may have wholesome ale for his money, and a handsome milkmaide to his mistress. I feare if it should please God to settle me a fortune, the divell would make me runne away from it, for to live here a while were to live in Heaven for ever after. The forbidden fruite with goulden sides growes not on this side Tweede, and folly it were for Sathan to tempte me with any thinge else. Nothinge but woemen have power over me: nothing here seemes so uglye to me—of them heereafter. I will not now trouble you with a longe letter, because of a tedious discourse that followes. Remember my true love to my kinde puple, and tell her I desire as ever I may deserve well at her handes, that in her next letteres she will remember my humble service to my most honored masters. I would not wish to be King of Scotland, unlesse it were to make her Queene. Comend me kindelie to your cousen, and forgett not, I intreate, my service to noble Sir Jo. Mullineux and my love to his kinde brother. I have for this time sent you onelie a breefe discourse of this kingdome, with the nature and condicion of the people. If I may understand of the receipte hereof, I shall continue this storie further. I desire to here from you at London at Mr. Harbertte’s, where I intend shortlie to be, but shall make a short stay. I shall both goe and returne by sea, and after my comeinge hither againe you shall heare newes from Dametas, and thus in hast I committ you to what followes. First, for the country, I must confesse ’tis tooe good for those that inhabit it, and too bad for others to be at the cost to compare it. The aire

might be wholesome but for the stinking people that live in it, and the ground made fruitfull had they witt to manuer it. There beastes are small (weame excepted) of which sorte there is no greater in the world. There is greates store of fowles, as fowle houses, fowle linnen, fowle dishes and pottes, fowle trencheres and napkins, fowle sheetes and shertes, with which store of fowle we had like to have fared as the children of Israell did with their fowle in the wilderness. They have great store of fishe, and good for those that can eate it rawe, but if it once come into their handes, 'tis presentlie three dayes ould. For their butter and cheese I'll not meddle with it at this time, nor noe man at any time that loves his life. They have likewise great store of deare, but they are so farre from the places where I have bene, that I had rather beleve it then goe to disprove it. I confesse all the deare I mett withall was deare lodginge, deare horse-meate, deare tobaccoe, and English beare. As for fruite, for the grandamme Eve's sake they never planted any, and for other trees, had Christ bene betrayed in this country (as doubtles he should have bene had he comed as a stranger amongst them) Judas had as soone found the grace of repentance, as a tree to [have] hanged himselfe on. They have many mountaines, wherein they tell me is much treasure, but they shewe none of it : nature hath onlie discovered unto them some mynes of coales, to shew to what end she created them.

"I se little grasse, but in their porrage ; and noe floweres, but such as modestie forbiddeth me to name. The thistle was not given them for nothings, for it is the fairest flower in their garland. The word hay is heathen Greeke to them ; nether man nor beast knowes what it meanes.

"Corne is reasonable plentifull at this time, for since the heard of the King comeinge, it hath bene as unlawfull for the common people to eate wheat, as it was of ould for any but the preistes to eat shew bread. They prayed much for his comeinge, and fasted longe for his welfare. All followeres were wellcome but the Guardes : those they say looke like Pharoe's leane kine and threaten a dearth wheresoever they come. They would perswade the footemen that oaten cakes will make them longe winded, and the Children of the Chappell they have brought to eat of them, for the mainetenance of their voices. They say our cookes are too sawcie, and for groomes and coachmen they wish them to give their horses no worse then they be content to eat themselves. They comend the brave mindes of the Pensioners and Gentlemen of the Chameber, whoe choose rather to goe to the tavernes, then to be eatinge alwaies of the Kinges provision. They likewise commend the yeomen and pages of the butterie and selleres for their retiredness and silence, in that they will heare twentie knocke before they answer one. They perswade the trumpeteres that fasting is good for men of their qualities, for emptines (say they) causeth winde, and winde

*Sir Hervey
Bruce.*

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maketh the trumpettes say sweetelie. The bringinge of haroldes (say they) was a needeles charge, for they all knewe theire pedegree well enough, and the harbingeres might have beene spared since he brought so many bedes along with him, and of two evilles since the lesser is to be chosen, they wish the bedes may remaine with them, and the poore harbingeres keepe theire places, as doe theire offices as they returne. His hanginges they desire likewise should remaine heare as reliques to put them allwayes in minde of his Majestie, and they promise to dispense with the woven images therin. But for the graven images in the new beatified chappell, they threaten to pull downe soone after his departure, and make of them a burnt offering to appease the indignation they imagine is conceived against them in the brest of the Almightye, for sufferinge such idolatrie to enter into their kingdome. The organs, I thinke, will finde mercie, because theer's some affinitie betweene them and theire bagpipes. The skipper that brought the singeingmen and theire papisticall vestmentes complains that he hath beene much troubled with a strange singeing in the heade ever since they came aboard his shippe, for remedie whereof the pastor of his parish hath perswaded him to sell the profane vassell, and distribute the money amonge the faithfull brethren. For his Majestie's intertainement I must confesse ingeniously he was receaved into the parish of Edenbrough (for a cittie I cannot name it) with great shoutes of joy, but noe showes of charge, for pageantes they hould them idolatrous thinges, and not fitt to be used in so reformed a place. From the castle they gave him some peeces of ordinance which surelie he gave the castle since he was Kinge of England; and at the entrance of the towne, they presented him with a goulden basen, which was carried before him on men's shoulderes to his pallace, the place indeede (I thinke) from whence it came. They protested that if Christ had come from Heaven, he could not have beene more wellcome, and I beleve it, for his Majestie came but to summon a parliament, but Christ would have summoned them to judgment, which they desired not to heare of. He was conveyed by the yonkeres of the towne, which was some hundred hallberdes (dearelie shall they ken it in respect of the charge) to the high crosse, and so to the high church, where the onlie bell they had stooode on tiptooe to behould his faire face, where I must intreate you to spare him for an howre, since there I must confesse I left him. In the meane time, to reporte the speeches of the people concerninge his never sampled intertainement were to make this discourse as tedious to you, as the sermon seemed to those that were constrained to endure it. After the preachinge he was conducted by the same halberderes to his pallace, of the which I forbear to speake, because it is a place sanctified by his Devine Majestie, onelie I wish it had beene wallinge welles for my friende's sake that waited on him to bringe the Maior back

to his lod[g]ginge, who all this while accompanied his Majestie, weare to much to amplifie my storie, for the gentlemen lodge three stories highe. I will onelic breeflie and faithfullie speake of the people accordinge to the degrees and qualities. For the Lordes Spirituall, they may well be called so; for (indeede) they are neither fish nor flesh, but what it shall please their earthlie God (the Kinge) to make them. Obedience they hould to be better then sacrifice. They make a mockerie of martyrdome, sayinge that Christ was to die for them, and not they for him. They will rather subscribe then surrender, and rather dispenche with small thinges, then trouble themselves with greate disputacions. They will rather acknowledge the Kinge to be their heade, then want wherewith to pamper their bodies. They have taken greate care and paines to compasse their bishopwricke: they will not loose them for a trifle. For the poore deacons whose desertes will not lift them to dignitie, all their studdie is to disgrace those that are gott the least degree before them, and because they cannot write bishoppes, the proclaime they never read of any. The scripture (say they) speake of deacons and elderes, but not a word of deanes and bishopes. The discourse is full [of] detraccion, their sermons nothinge but railinges, and their conclusions either heresie or treason. For that religion they have, I confesse it is above my reach, and (God willinge) I will never stretch for it. They christen without the crosse, marrie without the ringe, and burie without devine service. They keepe noe hollie dayes, nor acknowledge any saint but St. Andrew, who (they say) got that honor by presentinge Christ with an oten cake after His fortie daies fast. The say likewise he that translated our English Bible was the sonne of some malster, because he spake of a miracle done with barlie loves, whereas they sweare the weare oaten cakes, for no other bread of that quantitie could have satisfied so many thousandes people. They use noe prayer at all, for they say it is needelesse. God knowes their wantes, without their prayinge, and what He doth He loves to doe freele. Their Sabbothe daye's exercise is preachinge in the morneinge, and pursuinge their backbiters after dinner. They goe to the Church in the forenoone to heare the lawe, and to the crages and the mountaines in the afternoone to louse them. They hould the nose if you talke of a bearebaytinge, and they stop their eares if you speake of a play. Fornication they hould but a pastime wherein man's abilitie is approved and the sterilitie [*sic*] or fertilitie of woemen is discovered. Adulterie they shake the heade at, theft they raile at, murder they winke at, and blasphemie they laugh at. They thinke it impossible to misse the way to Heaven, if they can but leave Rome behinde them: to be opposite to the Pope is to be presentlie with God. To conclude, I am fullie persuaded that when Christ and His angelles at the last day shall come downe in their white garmentes, they will runne and crye,

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Sir Hervey Bruce. "The Children of the Chappell are come againe to torment us : let us fly from the abominacion of these boyes, and hide us in the mountaines." For the Lordes Temporall and temporisinge gentlemen, if I were apt to speake ill of any, I could not say much of them, onelie I must let you knowe they are not Scottishmen, for so soone as they fall from the brestes of the beastes their mother, their carefull syre postes them away for France, where, as they passe, the sea suckes from them what they had suckled from their rude dames. There they gather new flesh, new bloode, new manneres : there they learne to stand, to speake, to discourse, to congie, to court woemen, and to complement with men : there they learne to put on their clothes. They come into England to gett their clothes, and they returne into their owne country to weare them. They have spared for noe cost to honor their Kinge, for no complementall curtesies to wellcome our countymen. Their fellowes are their followeres, their wives their slaves, their horses their masters [*? mistresses*], and their swordes their judges, by reason whereof there are but few lawyeres, and they not rich. Their parlamentes hould but three dayes, their statutes are in three lines, and a suite is determined in three wordes. The wonderes of the kingdome are these : the Lord Chauncellor is loved and honored ; the Master of the Rolles is well spoken of ; and the whole Counsell (who are the judges of all causes) are free from suspicion of corruption.

"The countrey, though(t) it be mountaines, affordes noe monsteres but woemen, of which the great ones, as countesses and ladies, are kepte like lions in iron grates ; the merchantes' wives are likewise prisoneres, but not kepte in such stronge houldes. They have wooden cages like English boarefrances through which sometimes peeping to catch the ayre, we are sometimes choaked with the sight of them. The greatest madnes amongst the men is jelousie, in that they feare to loose what noe man that hath but two of his sences will seeke to gett. The ladies are of that opinion, that Susanna could not be chast of her bodie because she bathed so often. Pride is a thinge naturallie bred in their bones ; and their flesh naturallie abhorreth cleanes. Their breathes commonlie stinke of porridge ; their linneinge of pisse, their handes of piges' turdes, their whole bodies of sweate. Their splea feete never offend in wearinge of sockes. To be chained in marriage with one of them, were to be tied to a dead carcase, and cast into a stinckinge ditch. The ointment most frequent amongst them is brimstone and butter for their scabbs, and oile of bayes and stavesaker for their lise, which sinne of curiositie is but newlie creppt into their kingdome, and I thinke will not longe continue. I protest I had rather be the meanest to 24 of my puble's chamebermaides, then to be the master mynion to the fairest countesse I have yet discovered. To draw you downe by degrees from the citizens' wives to the

country gentle : and so convey you to the common dames, were to bringe you from Newgate to Bridewell : the dispised dames of Showe Lane, that comerce with rages and mary-bones, are thinges of immortall race ; everie whore in Hownsdich is a Hellina and the greatest bawdes in Turnebull be Greekish dames in comparison of these. I finde my paper in a consumption, which makes me curtail this discourse, and therefore to conclude. The men of ould did not more wonder that the Messias Jesus should be borne in so poore a towne as Nazaret in little Gallilie, as I doe that so brave a prince as King James should be borne in so stinkinge a towne as Edenbrough in lowsie Scotland. You shall in my next letter (sweetheart) if I may heare of the receipte hereof, have this discourse continued to his Majestic's departure, with all the shewes and triumphes at large." *Unsigned. Apparently a copy.* 3½ pp.

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Bruce.*

SIR WALTER RALEGH.

[c. 1618.]—A copy, contemporary or nearly so, of his "Apology." 21 pp. *See Works, viii, 479.*

The JUSTICES OF THE PEACE for NOTTS to HENRY STANHOPE and SIR GERVASE CLIFTON, Knights of the Shire for Notts.

1625, Aug. 7. Nottingham.—Asking them to introduce into the bill for limiting the clerk of the market, now depending in the House of Commons, a clause to remedy the use of unreasonable and variable measures in market towns. *Six signatures. Seal (broken).* ½ p.

VISCOUNT MANSFIELD to SIR GERVASE CLIFTON.

1626, July 24. Welbecke.—The King having conferred upon him the lieutenancy of the county of Nottingham, he invites Clifton be a deputy-lieutenant. *Seal of arms. Signed.* ½ p.

The EARL OF EXETER to SIR GERVASE CLIFTON.

1630, June 23. London.—"Wee have a heate here that make us beleewe wee ar ether in Spaine or Italie, and yet want both there present afflictions. That of Italie is plague and warre, that of Spaine is famine and want of mony, so that Sir Francis Codrington in his last letters for a raritie writ that at that instant he expected his dinner to cum 20 mils of. There is a fleete cum home from the West Indies, but it is not of so greate value as that which is expected, if it be not hindered, the last of August. In the meane time, the have had greate want of mony, which hath caused other nations to forbear bringinge them corne.

"It is written from Lima the 3 of May 1627, that a bottle of wine costs in Cartagena 10 reales, and yet hardlie to be gotten.

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"From the Havana 1630 the write into Spaine that part the Cale Nova Hispania is in greate misserie for the longe expectation of the Spanishe fleete; and passinge over there generall affliction this is freshe intelligence from this place, that the city of Mexico is ruined with the greatest part of the inhabitants this last October, by waters which havinge broken the banckes and that which was made for resistance, so as in the highest places of the cittie, which is the viceroy's house, there was more then a yarde of water, so as the viceroy and the judges went uppon doune [*sic*] in bots, makinge those people that were drowned be brought out of there houses. Sum that were saved were retired into sum villages hard bie. Nuns and frier have quitte there co[n]vents without savinge their goods. The viceroy and the judges were rather there to testefy there good will to the King's sarvice, then for any thinge els that man's witte could performe, so as saythe those letters that kingdome is undoone. The chrisninge is on Sunday next and I cum away from London on Tusday."

1 p.

THOMAS HOBBS to ROBERT LEEKE.

1630, Aug. 4. N.S. Orleans.—"I have receaved your letter of the 5th of July. The other packets you mention, I know not whether I have receaved them or not. But I have receaved a packet wherein I had letters of credit, one for 65*l*. (part of our next halfe yere's allowance) and another for 25*l*. for Mr. Clifton's private expence. If any other letters of credit besides these have bene sent, I have neyther receaved nor expected them. This towne is without newes, but for other passe-time here is enough." Seal. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.

The EARL OF EXETER to [SIR GERVASE CLIFTON].

1630, Sept. 17. Worthrop.—"I am affraide least that followinge my ordinary course of writinge unto you interrupt your zealous pursute of his Majesty's sarvice, which if there were the like in all his Majesty's employed sarvants, his Majesty's sarvis would be incredible advanced. I resceived latly letters from my Lord of Holland, but nothinge in them to give you content, though to my selfe sum rule not to trouble my fethers and blewe cots till next St. Gorge's day, for this will proove but an ordinary Court day where the Queen will not be present. By an other letter I heare the French have taken a toune of importance called Villiana of the Ducke of Savoye and Thoris hath written to the Kinge his master that he will hould Casall to the end of the month, and if he must needs render the toune then he will maintaine the cittadell against all Spinola's forces, and the Cardinall is resolved to goe shortly thether with an other army. The peace is concluded betwixt Spaine and this Croune and will shortly be published. If you have hard of any scratches in the Court it will prove nothinge but the marks of there

mistresse favour, which if I had any sutch honorable favour to grase my gray heirs it would make me more worthy to do you sarvice." 1 p. Sir Hervey
Bruce.

The SAME to the SAME.

1630, Sept. 25. Worthrop.—“I part nowe from the ayre, the earth and the water of Worthrop as I did once from the point of injoyng my mistresse, and was faine to make a suddaine escape not a litle to my disadvantage. But these ar the pennances that ar imposed uppon the pursute of more honnor then is necessary. Yet as I envy none that I leave here in there other perfect felicitie, so am not I worthy to be envyed, nor shuld I be of any who perfectly understood but the pennance I undergoe. Yet all wee do in this world is a pursute of pleasur, though sum be more serious then others. Havinge received a pretious letter from your delicate pen, I could not but render you sutch thanks as with my unpulished pen I could expresse, leavinge the finer part of them as the painters do the *je ni se quoy* which was indeede more worth then there picture. Your hopefull son hath fed you with daintyes out of France. God keepe us from any sutch like. I have sent you bac accodinge to your direction both your letters, which ar fit for you to keepe amongst your evidence with the rest that I have seene from that orient youth. If you be desirous to understand the proceedings of the commissioners in this contry, it is sumwhat different from our neibour shirs, where sum proceede accodinge to there instructions, but here as the say accodinge to the statuts, for the sherife summons, all the commissioners certefy into the Exchequer, and from thence expect there directions to cesse them. I hard peevishe Ric. Knightley maks his answer that he can not be comprehended in this number, bycause at the time of the coronation he was sherife and could not goe out of this shire.” 1 p.

Endorsed: the beginning of a reply.—“Your Lordship’s suddan eruption from the earth, water and ayre of Worthop (the elements of health, gust [?] and profit) cannot be moaned much by me, though I am your servant through them, and fyre to boote, for that I knowe your Lordship to be in that business whither amorous or essential, Promethean, and a tym taker, so that you have allready enjoyed ther the primer seasin and best fruytes, and nothing is bereft you but the more gross and dull parte, which comes by satiety, a favor to any man, both in love and other busines.”

The SAME to the SAME.

1630, Oct. 15. St. John’s, London.—“My man Pier came out of France latly, and tould me your hopfull sonn is in good health, which was the best nus he brought me out of France. Yesterday I sawe letters that all will turne to peace and that

Sir Hervey Bruce. Mantua shalbe rendered to the Duke of Mantoua and Casall after the Spaniard have bin in the cittadell of Cassall he will render that also. Spinola is sayd to be deade, sum say distracted, sum say he hath given over his charge in Italie to cum to sum place under the Infanta, but I beleeve he is deade; but it is strange these various reports uppon so greate a man. The plage disperses and cums so neare me as I am now for the contry. I wanted your company at Winsor, in which ceremony I could have continued till now, I found it so easy; and his Majesty was never merryer, nor the Quene; and the yonge Prince's both groth and sperite is incredible. This letter I here inclose hath bin shewed the Kinge and Quene, and therefore I send it you with the remembrance of my sarvice to you and your vertuous Lady." *Seal of crest and Garter.* 1 p.

HENRY SKIPWITH to SIR GERVASE CLIFTON, at Clifton.

1630, Oct. 18. Smithfeeld.—"I gave my Lord of Exeter an ill translated copy of the news from Millayne, which hee sayde hee woulde sende to you, wherby my hande was stayed from the trowblinge you or myselfe with the same matter. It is the greatest and the most improbable thinge that this towne talkes on at this day, nether is there any other news worth your knowledge. The siknesse encreased the laste week from 66 that it was the weeke befowre to 77 on Thursday the 14th of this October. God bee thanked the Kinge, the Queene and the Prince are all perfectly well. The Kinge and Queene are at Hampton Cowrte, and the Prince at St. Jameses, wher ther is noe talke but of the discontented death of Marquess Spinola, who hath beene discontenanced by the favorite Ollevares, and came away harte broken and crack wited into the low cuntryes, with a purpose to have lived a monasticke life thear, but God hath othewise disposed of him, for hee is dead (as I sayde befowr). Sir Kellam Digby towlde mee laste nighte that wee shal have peace with Spayne, and wars with France, but for what cawse I cannot learne, nether is theyr any armes in preparation. The Kinge hath geven Sir Kellam Digby a pattente under the Broad Seale to bee Supervisor, and a principall officer of the Navy. I redd the pattente. It is a new instituted office, and vexeth the Tresorer, Servayer and Controwler of the Navey, and a thinge that Sir Kellam Digby never so mutch as once knew of, till the Kinge sente it to him by Mr. Secretary Cooke's servante, for which hee payed not one penny. This verry day, ther wente one Ward, a notoriows theefe, sente to execution, whose life hath beene preserved ever since the sessions, to see if cownsell of devines cowlde bringe him to the sighte of his abominable sines, which woulde not bee, for as a divine towlde mee this morninge that had taken paynes with him to that purpose, hee bad him spare his paynes

for hee had served the devill all his life to that hower, and did not intend now to change his master ; and to bee hanged was nothinge to him ; “for (sayth hee) looke heer,” and opened his breste and showed him how hee was eaten with the pox. “You see I am at the poynte of death whether I bee hanged or noe, and therfor death is to mee an advantage,” and so drunke a helthe to the devill, and wente to the gallows, whcar I daresay wente to see him dey tenn thowsand people owt of this towne. Thus you see I want matter to write when I stuffe my letter with sutch base stuffe ; but finding a fayre opertunety to presente my service to you and my lady, I cowlde not lett it slipp, but writt it in my way as I was cuminge from takinge my leave of my noble Lord and Lady of Exeter, who are to-morrow morninge goinge for Wothrupp, beinge afraide of the plague. I thinke the tearme will howld at the day to which it was proroged.” *Seal of arms.* 1 p.

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THOMAS HOBBS to SIR GERVASE CLIFTON.

1630, Nov. 2. Hardwicke.—“That I am welcome home I must attribute to your favorable letter, by which my Lady understandes your good acceptance of my service to Mr. Clifton. This favour of yours I esteeme no small part of your liberality, and shall hate my owne nature when I shall cease to acknowledge both that and the rest of your benefits, by which I am obliged to strive all I can to approve my selfe (when you shall be pleased to command me) your most humble and obedient servant.”

Postscript.—“I made your man stay here till 12 a clocke, because I knew not whether she would write to you or not : but it seemes there is nothing in the letter that requires a present answer.

“I beseech you, sir, to remember my humble service to my Lady and Mrs. Abbots and Mrs. Leeke.” *Seal.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.

VISCOUNT WENTWORTH to his cousin, [? SIR GERVASE CLIFTON].

1631, May 19. Westm[inster].—“I have receaved your two letters, and am to thanke you and my good fortune that putts anything in my power, which may shew you how much I esteeme you, and how gladde I shallbe to performe the acceptable office of a freinde to you. To move his Majesty to putt my cosin your son in commission, and to direct the Lord Keeper in that byhalfe, I shall not faile to doe itt in convenient time, that is, soe as the commission may be sued forth before the next sessions ; but to counsell his Majesty to remove yourself, whose abilities and affections are soe well knowen unto me, I may not doe itt with faithe to my maister, when in soe doing my owne understanding tells me I should doe him a great disservice in laying aside soe able a

Sir Hervey Bruce. minister. Nay, when you thinke better of itt, lesse inwards upon your owne ease, more outwarde upon the duties we oughe the publicke, I assure myself you will not desire itt.”
 $\frac{3}{4}$ p.

VISCOUNT CHAWORTH to [? SIR GERVASE CLIFTON].

1631, July 15.—“ . . . The King ys gone his progress—the Queene to Otelande declared to be quick with chyld. The Marquess ys embarqued for Sweden, and hath sould himselfe for a man of noe judgement, to my weake judgement, to leave a king in whose bosum he was—and at a tyme when a cloude called accusation of treason was within sight not quyte gone—to seeke the thing he calleth honour where it may sooner be lost then gayned, when he had enough here for a reasonable man. But I understand nothing.” *Seal of arms.* 1 p.

The EARL OF EXETER to SIR GERVASE CLIFTON, at Clifton.

1631, Sept. 11. St. Leonards neare Nuarke.—“ I am mutch like a wave of the sea tossed with every wind from Northamptonshire to Notinghamshire and from Notinghamshire bac againe, and to be feared sooner to London then my busines will permit me. My Lord Choworth when he passed through Brussels found them there full of counsell howe to dispose of [the] Quene Moother of France, who was then at Monts in Henault, and at that time came, the Archduke’s quarter beinge prepared for her attendance and very princely. When shee quitte France, she stole a way only with four waitinge women, and as many men; but after wards came 300 to attend her out of France, and it is thought that number will duple uppon them with expectation of Monnsieur. For home nues, I here that the Recorder is deade and Hide Lord Cheefe Justice: Mr. Atturney is thought to be remooved to his place, and Sir John Finch to be Atturney; but sum doubt Sir John Banke, a favorit to my Lord Tresaurer.” *Seal of arms.* 1 p.

SIR HENRY WOTTON to SIR GERVASE CLIFTON.

[? 1631;] 1635, June 6; and 1635, June 23.—See Smith, *Life and Letters of Sir Henry Wotton*, ii, 333, 352, 353.

The COUNTESS OF EXETER to SIR GERVASE CLIFTON.

1632, Sept. 23. St. Leonards.—Inviting him to her “poore cottage at St. Leonards.” “My Lord would have prevented my writing himselfe, but the truth is he is a little distempered by a cold he hath wilfully gott. He is soe hoarse in his throate that he cannot hold downe his head to write without an inconvenience, yet I doubt not the issue of it will prove to his better health.” $1\frac{1}{2}$ pp.

The EARL OF EXETER to [SIR GERVASE CLIFTON].

*Sir Hervey
Bruce.*

1632, Nov. 11. St. Johns.—“Your sarvant Mr. Leake hath bin more curteous in givinge me both time and warninge then my letters can deserve. For since that marchants have left there trade and ar falne to lay wagers, some that the Kinge of Sweden is deade, others that he is alive, I can out of this bad intelligence write you nothings for the grounde of your beleefe, but I dare assure you that the Kinge is perfectlie recovered. This next certentie I pray you do me the honnor to beleefe, that I am mutch your sarvant. My Lord Holland was never in better favour both with his master and mistresse then at this hower, which as it is I am suer pleasinge to you it shuld be so, so it is to your humble sarvant.” 1 p.

THOMAS HOBBS to SIR GERVASE CLIFTON.

1632, Nov. 23. Loughborough.—“The letter I am writinge is yet in competition with me whether it or I shall have the honour to kisse your hands. If it get the victory, it is for this reason. I have but one night to dispose of, in which I should come to Clifton so ill dressed from the way as I should not have the face to come into your presence, besides it is not certayne you will be come home. This letter therefore that can stay better then I may for this present supply all the service I could do you there, which is to tell you that wee go to London about Tuesday come fortnight, and that a messenger expresse from the Queene came to my Lady of Oxford and my Lady for that purpose. I am sorry to heare from Mr. Clifton that you entend to stay in the contry, pretending the proclamation, which is a barre to you no longer then yourselfe please. There is no newes from abroad, nor from any place, so that I may here put an end to the trouble I have put you to of reading nothing in effect but my desire to expresse my selfe your most humble and most obliged servant.” *Seal.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.

WILLIAM FULLER to SIR GERVASE CLIFTON.

1632, Dec. 8. London.—“... For our cittie news they are very strange. The Kinge of Sweden hath bene dead this fortnight, beinge shott in the arme and bodie, and now is revived, walketh with his arme in a scarfe, and his victorious hand kissed by his servants. And by cause princes' funeralls are sildome single, most of the kings in Christendome went with him to his grave (onlie the Palsgrave dyed in earnest), the rest (thanks be to God) are alive againe. Our Kinge is not sick, but hath the small pocks, which scared his ~~servants~~ but hath noe whitt danted him or the Quene, he beifge merrie and she daylie with him. The Scottish journey certaineleye houldeth in May next, and your neighbor the Earle of Newcastle is one of six appointed to attend besides the great officers of the Court. . . .” *Seal of arms.* 1 p.

*Sir Hervey
Bruce.*

THE EARL OF NEWCASTLE TO SIR GERVASE CLIFTON.

1632, Dec. 30. Welbeck.—“I sende these to present my service to you and to inquier of your helth and to lett you knowe that in spight of Christmas I will wayte of you in itt to gongratulate [*sic*] my sweet coosen’s nuptialls. What though I aprove my selfe a lord of misrule bye itt, I take that for an honor in these dayes rather then the other more common title. I hope wee shall have the honor to see you all heer, I besetch you so contrive itt that both our jurneyes maye be within twelvetide, for otherwise in good fayth I can butt wayte off you and coume home agayne in the night as off late sum others have dun, butt bye your leave I will dine with you because Ile dine well, your ordinarye my feastes. The truth of this haste is I must wayte off the Kinge presently after Christmas, for I am putt in minde off itt since by Mr. Porter, and I thinke itt fitt to take a litle phisicke befor I goe upp, and then of nesesitye I must begin eyther in Christmas or presentlye after. Thus I trouble you with the state off my busines and off my bodey and durst make you a confesser off my sole. I knowe your penance woulde be easeye, you are so juste. Doe as you woulde be dun unto. What that is I leave to your one interpretation. I have receved off late manye letters butt litle newse and butt that your man came with sum off them, I woulde have sente you all my packetts. Forgive me this boldnes, since you see I desier to wayte off you and will rather putt you to the excuse then my selfe.” *Seal of arms.* 1 p.

ROBERT BUTLER TO SIR GERVASE CLIFTON, at Hodsock.

1632[-3], Jan. 30. London.—“The towne is very silent of newes. The most wonder is uppon this generall calling of all sortes of persons in questions by Starre Chamber proces for their stay here contrary to proclamacion, soe that all must come to their purgacion, and those that can uppon their answeares or examinacion cleare themselves, by their leave, or just cause of stay, may escape, the rest suffer. My Lord of Exeter and my Lord Deputy I sawe yesterday together att my Lord Deputy’s house. Both are well, and soe are all I know of your acquaintance here, especially Mr. Hobbes and Mr. Webster, both true welwishers to your howse. There is a beginnyng of a sute by the Dutches of Buckingham against the now Earle of Rutland in the Court of Wardes, butt it is thought, especially by the lawyers, it will not last longe. My braynes are very busy about contrivinge the conveyance for setlinge your land uppon Mr. Clifton’s marriage. . . .” *Seal of arms.* 1 p.

THE COUNTESS OF EXETER TO SIR GERVASE CLIFTON.

1633, May 20. St. Leonards.—“I have sent theis lynes, though nowe to your trouble, for you have soe many guesstes comeinge to you that the least interruption will divert you,

which I will avoid as much as I can, only you shall knowe *Sir Hervey*
 the greatest pleasure the Kinge tooke in his intertainement *Bruce.*
 was in your barge and watermen, which I hope are all safe
 returned. A requitall for soe fortunate a favour I cannot
 give you nowe, but send you my hartie thanks." 1 p.

VISCOUNT WENTWORTH to his brother[-in-law, SIR GERVASE
 CLIFTON].

1633, July 27. Dublin.—“ I finde hear tow of your letters
 unanswared, which was not my wontte, but which yet makes
 it more shamefull on my side, the one dated in Aprill, the
 other in June last ; yet I have brought them along with me
 hether, and now they must and shall be answeared. Thus
 you see first or last, the day of retributions will cum, soe as
 it is good for us all in time to provide for itt. Be it in the
 thirde heate, as I am, or in the fourth heate, as you are (for
 soe you terme it) old henns are not to be fedd with chaffe,
 however a young pullet may be deceaved a meale or tow.

“ For the treaty I am to have with the Earle of Corke, I will
 loose noe time in itt. This weeke, God willing, I shall make
 way with itt. It shall not sticke upon my hands, but that,
 by one meane or other, I will acquitt myself of it, and I asseure
 you intend to serve the house of Cumbreland soe farre as
 either my witt or power will extend unto.

“ Doctor Benson will find it sum difficulty to get himself in
 ordinary, and I am not very willing to trouble my Lord
 Chamberlaine, yet in good faithe I take him to be my freinde.
 Besides, my absence will render me little able to helpe him
 on in that pretention of his. Howbeit, if you desire itt,
 I will with all my hartte write to my Lord Chamberlaine,
 for your sake, howbeit I confesse I should not for the doctor's.
 I should be farre more willing to doe him a curtesye that was
 in myself, then to intreate one for him from an other man.
 Thus you see, if you desire it, you are maister of whatsoever
 I am able to doe therin.

“ For Mr. Leeke's businesse, Sir Guy Palmes will tell you
 I did what he desired of me, and a better guide to your con-
 tentment I conceived I could not take along with me, so
 therin I trust he will be ready to give you satesfaction that I was
 not awanting to the accomplishmentt of your purposes
 therin.

“ I trust your journey into Scotlande, and your returne to
 your owne home, have been as prosperouse as mine hether,
 better then which, both by sea and lande, could not, I praise
 God, have been mett with. Only heare is your advantadge :
 you are sett quickly againe by your owne fier, whear as I
 must pilgrim it out heare sum yeares. It makes noe matter,
 to injoy that least, which I desired most, hath ever been my
 portion, and it is to early hower as yet to put of my clothes
 and goe to bed. Howbeit, I trust God in his good time shall
 give me that quiet I soe much thirst after.

*Sir Hervey
Bruce.*

“ If my Lord Clifford will take his owne course and thinke to hasten my Lord Treasourour to dispatche sooner then he hath a minde to, and therby set his businesse rather more backwarde then forwarde, himself (if he be just to others) must see himself in the trangression alone. I should be gladde he could further his businesse, but I feare the respectt of his person and use of his friendshipps weighe noe more with them then thos they afforde other men, and then must his Lordship be contentt to tugge and wrestle for his ends, as wee meaner men are accustomed to doe, as well for ourselves as our freinds.

“ I doe not feare but to procure him his money, if I may have time, but if he be soe sharpe sett as to have it, as and when himself pleaseth, it is alltogether impossible. If he will stay the time till I may shew sum merit in thes imploymentts, I will in good faithe, rather then he have it not, becum a sutor to the King myself in his byhalfe, and receave it as an obligation to myself, which few Courtt freinds would doe for him I beleeeve besides, and which if I mistake not myself, is like to prove more effectuell then any pursuite of his owne. However, I should be most gladde to see it dun anyway : soe the miracle be wrought, let Mahomet doe itt.

“ Thus have I gon over your tow letters, and refreshed myself awhile in discourse with soe good a freind, but my businesse doe heare inforce me away, leaving me when I looke upon them noe greater hope then that my owne observation tells me—that small witts awakened with paines and cercumspection, worke many times greater effectts then strong judgmentts laid a sleepe in security and ease. It is labour then that must save me, for I am sure my witts will not serve my turne. Admitt me then to take my leave, which in sum degree you ought not to denie me, bycause it is a request I soe unwillingly grant myself.” 2 pp.

LORD SAVILE to SIR GERVASE CLIFTON.

[? c. 1633.]—“ I understand by your letter that the hospitall of Tadcaster is yet unsatisfied of there annuitie, behind since the last payment, and that allso they do pretend to have beene putt unto a greate deale of charge, for which likewise they expect satisfaction.

“ As soone as my father died you were pleased to acquaint me that I was to discharge you of that payment ; I answered it was a thing new unto me, never hard of before that time, and, I protest in God, trulie. Thereupon I desired Mr. Hatfeild to come unto you (which he did) and desire you would be pleased to let him see, or send me, the deed which made me liable. He told me you shewed him a deede, which since that time I thinke I saw amongst my father's writings ; with which deede, albeit I am not certaine how far I am obliged, yet I did not dispute it, but desired him that he would receive from you the twenty nobles a yeare due for the stewardship

of Wakefeild, and pay it them : if mine were more to returne me the rest, if theres were more my steward should make it up. When his Majestie was at your howse, sir, the last northern progress (where I must accegnnowledge your greate favoure to me) I did my selfe tell you the same ; and you thought it verie reasnable and just. Since that Mr. Butler and the Tadcaster men were with me at London, and wee agreed uppon the same. They promised to repaire unto me when I came into the countrie and wee would cleere it in that manner ; I was readie there, but they never came ; I am and shall be now presentlie in the countrie readie to performe it still, and have never denied to make the moneyes for the stewardshipp due to me over with that which is due to them. So I hope you will beleive that there hath beene no fault in your affectionate and humble servant." *Seal.* 1 p. *Sir Hervey Bruce.*

The KING to SIR GERVASE CLIFTON and SIR THOMAS HUTCHINSON.

1634, Oct. 16. Hampton Court.—“ Trustie and wellbeloved we greete you well. Whereas in our princely favour to Sir John Suckling, we have formerly graunted our letters of recommendation concerneing a marriage betwixt him and the daughter of Sir Henry Willoughby, who after the receipt of them gave such civil admission as we required, and also promised (as we are advertis'd) that if his daughter's affection could be gained, he would give his consent likewise, which we are assured is obtained, and also we are informed that the libertie of speakeing with her is now debared unto Sir John Suckling by her father, which we takeing into our consideration have thought fitt againe to signifie our pleasure unto him, by our second letter (that he send us the cause of this change) which we send by this gentleman, Mr. Philip Willoughby, whom we desire you to accompany with Sir John Suckling, that Sir Henry Willoughby, receaving by him our pleasure, which we have comanded to be delivered to him, we may be certified from you how his daughter's affection stands at present, to the end that if he cannot show just cause against Sir John Suckling, we may insist upon our former recommendation, espeacially if you find it agrees with the younge gentlewoman's affection. And thus not doubting of your care herein, we bid you kindly farwell.” *Sign manual.*
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LORD CLIFFORD to his brother[-in-law], SIR GERVASE CLIFTON, at Hodsack.

[? 1634,] Oct. 20. Newmarket.—“ My Lord of Newcastle telles me youre Lady is in greate danger, for whome I have soe greate reason to be sorye, as I cannot houlde from tellinge you soe. We have not beene soe merry in this place as when you weare heere. I can attribute it to nothinge else but the

Sir Hervey absence of my noble Lord of Exeter and my Ladye. My
Bruce. Lord Hamiltton arived heere two dayes agoe, whoe is cheere-
 fully receved by the Kinge : he extolles the Kinge of Sued
 highlye and sayes he maye be his owne carver in Germanye.
 My Lady of Hollande is sick at Kensington of an ague, and
 my Lady Padget of a burninge fever : how can I bee merry
 then in this place if the Kinge did not looke upon me as cheere-
 fully as ever he did in his life ? On Thursday next I intende
 to goe with my Lord Chamberlaine and my Lord of Salisbury
 to Quixwood, and the Munday followinge I shall begin my
 jorney northwarde (by the grace of God) by the waye of
 Lincolneshire for more expedition. Nowe you knowe howe
 I am, and what is like to becom of me, I will take the freedom
 to goe to bed after a toilesom daye's huntinge ; and yet before
 I sleepe let me entreate you to commende me to my coosen
 Hughes." 1 p.

SIR GERVASE CLIFTON and SIR THOMAS HUTCHINSON to
 the KING.

1634, Oct. 22.—“ Most gracious and dread soveraigne, that
 which in persons uncall'd may saver of high presumption, in
 men commanded left undone might seeme as transcendant
 neglect. Therefore your Majesty having not referred us to
 any others to breake the force of it, will (we are confident)
 vouchsafe to receive this account addressed to your own sacred
 hands, not as over boldness but duty.

“ May it please your most excellent Majesty, wee have
 according to your royall commandement repayed to
 Sir Hen[ry] Willoughby in the company of Sir John Suckling
 and Mr. Phill[ip] Willoughby and did find Sir Hen[ry]
 Willoughby to entertaine your Majesty's directions with all
 dutifull observance and conformity, admitting Sir Jo[h]n
 Suckling, Mr. Phill[ip] Willoughby and ourselves to the sight
 of his daughter at first, and each of us private conference
 at any time we would desire. And what we have discover'd
 in the yonge gentlewoman's affections to Sir Jo[h]n Suckling,
 that we might not erre in misreporting from hir mouth to
 your Majesty, we most humbly leave to the writinge shee
 hath willingly (at our motion) in her owne words subscribed
 with her hand, which your Majesty may be pleased to receive
 herewith. And that your Majestie may not conceive us to
 fall short in our performance, returning no answeare from
 Sir Hen[ry] Willoughby himselfe, your Majestie may be
 pleasd graciously to receive from us touching that particular
 that he purposeth to attend your Majestie very shortly and
 bring his daughter with him and humbly beseecheth he may
 deliver the same himselfe at his coming up in your owne
 presence.”

“ The inclosed subscribed to by Mrs. Anne Wil[loughby].

“ Mrs. Anne Willoughby, daughter of Sir Hen[ry] Willoughby,
 spoken unto by us upon his Majesty's commandment in the

presence of Mr. Phillip Willoughby, and askt how shee stood affected to Sir John Sucklinge, answered, as his Majesty had exprest her in his letter, and being desired more particularly to explane herselfe whether she affected him as a husband above other men, ans[wered] she did, and doth love him to marry him. A.W." *Copy.* 1¼ pp.

*Sir Hervey
Bruce.*

SIR HARRY VANE to [SIR GERVASE CLIFTON].

1634, Nov. 6. Whithal.—“ Your letter you weare pleased to send mee by the adventurers I receaved not until some fewe dayes past. I did litle expecte uppon the returne of them (until common fame brought itt unto mee, for from them I hearde nothinge) that any would have been soe ill advised as to have behaved themselves as I understand some of the pretenders to Mrs. Willowbie have done, but of that his Majesty will take an accompt. I presume you would as litle have expected that Sir Hen[ry] Willoughbie in a letter written to his Majesty would have traduced my Lord of Northampton, yourselfe and your humble servant, for of Sir Tho[mas] Huchenson hee sayes nothinge, though(t) in what you did I know hee was as actife as your selfe, and of which I doubt not both of you and hee, and soe will all that have had a hand in this businesse, will give to God and and [*sic*] the Kinge a just accompt. The words of his letter are these: Uppon sight of your Majesty's letter unto me wheareby I perceave your Majesty hath been misinformed by others that would make a praye of my daughter and to her ruine and to my greatest discomfort, and uppon Sir Jer[vaise] Clifton's tellinge of mee how highly your Majesty was displeased with me, which hee saide your Majesty expressed very apparently by your Majesty's conveyinge your commands unto mee by a letter without any seale or superscription on the outside; that althought his daughter should have been soe indiscreete and unfortunate as to have been wrought uppon by deceit and cunninge, to express any likinge unto this person against whome I have soe just exception; and others things which I shal acquainte you with when I shal see you, which I hope shal bee with what convenient speede you may, since his Majesty hath commanded mee to sende to you to come upp to informe him of your demeanor, Sir Jhon Suckling's and Mr. Phil[ip] Willoughbie's. You shal doe well to bringe upp Sir Tho[mas] Huchenson with you, thought Sir He[nry] Willoughbie say nothinge of him in his letter to the Kinge, and if you thinke fitt you may use the King's name unto Sir Tho[mas] Huchenson for his cominge upp, if he shal make any difficulty therin, which I presume hee will not, his honour beinge engaged with yours, and to your comforte I may tell you uppon this occasion that his Majesty hath soe good an opinion of your woorth and integritie, that hee will beleave nothinge to your prejudice until hee hath first hearde you

Sir Hervey speake. I have dispatched this bearer post unto you, and
Bruce. soe I kiss your hands."

"Posscript. Since I had written my letter, readeinge over Sir Harry Willoughbie's letter I finde ther is a particular charge uppon you and Sir Tho[mas] Huchenson which I shal acquainte both with att your comming heither." 3 pp.

ROBERT LEAKE to SIR GERVASE CLIFTON, at Brickhill.

1634, Nov. 25. Westminster.—I received your letters to Lord Holland and Mr. Comptroller Saturday night last, and on Sunday morning I delivered them. Lord Clifford, at that very instant visiting Lord Holland, and the same day dining with Mr. Comptroller, told me that he had read yours to Lord Holland, being then in bed, who promised to do the same to the King. Mr. Comptroller said he would speak to Lord Holland that afternoon and acquaint his Majesty therewith, and by Tuesday let me know what satisfaction it gave the King. Accordingly I attended him at this time and in the privy garden as he was taking coach to attend his Majesty for Windsor (who stays their till Friday or Saturday) he gave me this answer and these words. He remembered his service to you and said the King held you an honest man and was well satisfied in the business, that you needed not to make more haste than your occasions might well give you leave. Lord Clifford also this day told me that he had spoken to Mr. Comptroller this morning, who told him you might be assured of a good welcome. This is the last account I can give you about your letters. "I make no doubt but you have heard that *actus secundus* plaid on Tusday last at Blackfriars between Sir John Suckling and Mr. Digby; both of them with their companyes was committed to the King's Bench, but surely Sir John was bayld for I saw him this day in a coach. I shall not be so bold to trouble you with the severall relacons in the towne of their affray, nor any other busines or newes, purposing (God willing) according to your commaunds to attend you at St. Albones at the *Christopher* ther on Thursday next by 12 a clock. . . ." *Seal of arms (broken).*
 1 p.

The EARL OF EXETER to SIR GERVASE CLIFTON.

1634, Dec. 20. St. Leonards neere Newarke.—"He that should wright to you, from any place, had neede fetch his materials further then Nuarke, almost as far as the Kinge of Spaine fetches his gould; otherwise, it can nether please him selfe nor your curiositi, for the contry is litle better this frost then a church yard, where men sease speake one to an other more then to tell howe many deade men there is and whear thei ar berried. I understand more by your pen then before concerninge the great busines in the Starre Chamber, to which I say that wisdome is nothinge but a subtile venom

and a piercing corruption. Yet the displacing of bad doth seldome bring in good, and for my part I am no well wisher to these blasing stars which ar so glorious in the sphere, and bringe us nothing but plague, warre, famine and pestilence, uppon earth.

*Sir Hervey
Bruce.*

"Bycause you have not so mutche as touched forreine affairs, I will tell you what is advised from London. The two Ducks, Sax and Brandenberge, were treatinge peace with the Emperour, but the Kinge of France sent them a message to advise them to the contrary, so nowe thei surces for feare and ar more united amongst them selfs. The French Kinge is nowe possessed of Lorraine, Mens, Trier, all Alsatia and the Lower Palatinat by a suddain acquisition, all but Hidelberge, which the Duke of Bavaria had catched and hath utterly ruined: so France will reape the harvest.

"Since you came downe Gibbins is found giltye of 4,000*l.* more beside his first fine, and ordere by the Kinge that a bill shalbe for many misdemeniors put into the Starre Chamber, which will ruine him utterly, though he have got by his sarvice 400*l.* a yeare. Thus in tiringe you with nothin, I have tired my weake hand so as I can write no more." *Seal of crest and Garter.* 1½ pp.

ROBERT ROBOTHAM to SIR GERVASE CLIFTON, at Clifton.

[1634-5,] Feb. 18. Derby howse.—". . . The mask is past and the King intends his jorny for Newmarkett on Munday next and [the] Queene will follow soone after. It is said out of France that Monsieur Pillerman, that King's brother's great favorite, notwithstanding his mariage with the Cardinal's neece and being made duke and peere of France, is with diverse other nobles of that kingdome laid upp close prisoners, some in the Bastile and some at Blois, and what will become of them God knowes, nor for what cause, eyther of new matter or old!

"There was a great falling out at Brussels betweene the Queene Mother and the Princess of Fauxberg, the Duchess of Orleans' sister, whereupon both meeting in the streets in their coaches, and the Princess not staying her coach (a respect given to the Prince in that place), the Queene commaunded her captaine of the guard to stopp the Princess her coach and give the coachman 100 blowes, whereupon grew more blowes so that two or three of the Queene's servants weare slayne. Hereupon the Infante Cardinall comaunded the Princess her servants to be apprehended and upon examination of the business hangd the coachman and others next day at her dore. From Germany wee heare little since the taking of Phillipsbergh by the Imperiallists, onely it is said the Duke of Lorreine hath very great forces coming into the feild to recover his owne. This spring wee shall I conceave see some event of those warrs, which God graunt for the best.

*Sir Hervey
Bruce.*

"Here is nothing but crying out and pittifully complayning for this great tax for shipping, in which they have mett with us, notwithstanding wee are strangers here, but in Devonshire wee heare there hath been something to doe about it. This last weeke came news from the Low Countryes of a great combate fought upon a quarrell occasioned by some disgracefull words used by the French of our King and nation, so that after many bickerings between perticulers, it came to be a nationall quarrell; so that to avoyde a greater inconvenience betweene the forces in that place, it was resolved that six of eyther party should end the busines. So there was selected two English, two Scottish and two Irish of the one side (because all the King's subjects tooke themselves equally engaged) and six French on the other. Tyme and place appointed and fulfilled, the combate was performed, and of the twelve, eleven weare slaine and one onely English man came of the feild sore wounded." 2 pp.

CHR[ISTOPHER] WANDESFORDE to SIR GERVASE CLIFTON.

1635, July 12. Boyle.—"The opportunity of this messenger gives me occation to salute you, and to tell you playnly that you have done your freinds in Ireland as great a displeasure by denying yourself unto them, as ever you could have done, for we are very merry and wish you hartily partaker with us.

"My Lord Clifford, as you will fynde by himself, is well satisfyed with his good freind here. I wish all other things deserve so well to be understoode here as the other doth. My Lord Deputy is now well advanced in his progress; and so is he in his business, for the King's title is found to a principall part of the cuntry of Conath, and so wilbe I hope for the whole, there being nothing but justice and honor intended to them. All things my Lord doth being of a pece, he prospers the better.

"I do not knowe whether you are acquainted or not with your cuntryman Captayne * borne and bred att Gotam. I assure you he doth not shame his cuntry. He hath done the King more service in this journey then any of the commissioners, for by his good company he preserveth them all alive. . . ." *Seal of arms.* 1 p.

The SAME to the SAME.

1635, Aug. 20. Portumna.—"I suppose it will not be long before you mete with my gud Lord Clifford, by whom you will more particularly understand howe his Lordship both found and left things in Ireland. And certainly if his good brother fynd any accommodation much must be attributed to his Lordship's care, very much to his prudent managing

* Illegible.

of all circumstances betwixt my Lord Deputy and the other partyes, wherein in gud fath his Lordship was very industrius for his daughter, but no more then stooode with his obligationns to his freind, so that he conducted the business with as much equality to both thoss interists as any man living could have done, for which I shall ever honor and esteme his Lordship the better so long as I live. And certainly itt was (besydes the justice of it) but wisdome to do so, for if he had lost one hayre breadth of my Lord Deputy for the length of the other mann's thome, he had make [*sic*] an ill bergain. His Lordship will tell you what difference there is betwixt the men, the one cannot be mayde better then he is, the other will never be worse then he was. That is to say, we ought to pray for the life of our friend, but for the conversyon of the other. Sir, you will heare howe my Lord Deputy prospereth still in all his undertakings for his Majesty, with much advantadge to the Crowne, and without the curses of the subject. They are nowe not contented with his justice, but they expect further helpes of profit and benifitt by his indeavors for them. If he would take more care of his health, I hope all men would be satisfyed with the effects of his labor, but he is so careless of that, for which every freind doth well to chyde him. I hope for all this you will not putt us out of all hope of seeing you in Ireland. If you come we have the good wills to make much of you." *Seal of arms.* 1 p.

*Sir Hervey
Bruce.*

THOMAS HODGES to SIR GERVASE CLIFTON.

1635[-6], Feb. 1. London—Foreign affairs. "Wee have had great doinges with a prince elected by the Templers which was cheiffly to enterteaine the Palsgrave. His name is Vivian, a man whoe had good fortunes left hime the last summer by his father Sir Francis Vivian but now fered by this princely dignitie may out runn those fayre fortunes. The Palsgrave hath benne latly sicke but nowe well recoverd, so when the Kinge retorneth from New Markett here will bee great preperationes by this newe prince to give them entertainment" 1½ pp.

The EARL OF KINGSTON to [SIR GERVASE CLIFTON].

[1635-6,] Feb. 6.—". . . . You need not, deere cosen, doubt of my Lord Duke's having such power in his hands as I mencioned, for I cannot question their credit who told mee so, and I now further heare the Prince Elector may elect three or four into the list of our nobility, but this is not so well grounded as the other. From eyther of these princes you doo well not to expect your Porsenna, yet questionles the honour of your birth and conditions, and the greatnes of your estate, are so compatible with a great title (yea, so fitt for it) that for a litle you may obteyne it, in comparison of what others would give and must goe without it. Your zeale to my Lord Deputy is worthy of the antient brotherhood and

Sir Hervey goodwill between you, but I am most confident hee shall
Bruce. never depart from thes great places hee holdeth untill hee bee
 deputed to greater; his Lordship being as able and active
 as I verily thinke ever any English subject was. I am not
 of the same opinion concerning the knight yow name, for it
 seemeth notwithstanding the pudder hee hath made that his
 pusillanimity is apparant. I wish his conclusion with the
 St[ar] Ch[amber] may bee no worse then I beleeeve the bishop's[?]
 wilbee, who cometh this terme on the stage, for hee is a politieck
 man and of great experience and parts. I acknowledg I want
 policy to apprehend the issue of the proclamation towching
 coach horses in London, but I feare that, as many other matters
 in like sort well intended by the state, through the pravity
 of men's conditions wilbee of no great effect" 4 pp.

SIR JOHN BEAUMONT to [? SIR GERVASE CLIFTON].

1635[-6], March 5. Madrid.—Here is great levying of
 soldiers; an absolute breach with France is expected, but
 that the King will go in person I can hardly believe.
 Don Gonçalez de Cordova, the most experienced soldier the
 King of Spain had, is lately dead. It is said that the Marquis de
 Santa Cruz stays with a great fleet galley to fall upon some
 part of Provance, the army levied here being to enter France
 by Languedoc. I am shortly going to Lisbone and thence to
 Seville. 1 p.

ROB[ERT] LEEK to SIR GERVASE CLIFTON, at Clifton.

1636, May 5. Ould Bayly.—“ . . . My Lord of Carlile
 . . . died about the 25th of the last moneth and to morrow
 night is to be interred in Paules church, hath left much to his
 lady and little to his sonne, making her some repair from
 his personall estate (besides a large jointure) for his faylings
 to her of late in his person. The good M[aste]r of the Rolles
 dyed a little before his Lordship, and Sir Dudley Diggs, the
 reversioner, is now in possession of the place. This day the
 Lord Treasurer went in mighty state from the pallace of his
 see to take his oath at Westminster, accompanied with all
 the lords almost about the towne, and on Tuesday the King,
 Queen and royall issue went a-maying into St. James' Park
 with great glory and afterwards to my Lord of Holland's to
 Kensington to a banquet. Some think that lord shall succeed
 my Lord of Carlile in the groome of the stooles place, unless
 with the taking that he be not putt to surrender some other
 of his as beneficiall; others, that the Duke shall have it (if
 worth his accepting) or else some Scotch lords. My Lord of
 Newcastle intends ere long for the country, but I thinke in
 the meane while you will receive a letter from him wherein
 (it is probable) he wilbe free with you concerning the passages
 at Court which cannot come to the relation of my pen. My
 Lord Deputy is daily expected and nothing more said of him,
 and my Lord Clifford not yet in towne that I hear of. On

Saturday last Sir Arthur Capell in a duell killd Sir Thomas *Sir Hervey Bruce.*
Leuthropp, falling out at bowles within four or fives miles
of Theobalds, and is fled. Forraine newes, little or none, only
the King's sconsce in Holland is regaynd. The fleet is ready
to putt to sea as soone as the wind is auspitious to it, wherof
I have made bold to present unto you the lyst in print. Ther
hath not as yet dyed many of the plague, but it is now gotten
into the hart of the citty in three or four places. . . ." *Seal of
arms.* 2 pp.

GERVASE CLIFTON to his father, SIR GERVASE CLIFTON.

[1636,] May 23. Hampton Court.—“Since my last there
has hapned nothing heere worthie your knowledge, my Lord
Deputye beeing daily expected heere at Hampton Court and
lodgings reservd for him by the King's appointment. The
staye of the Prince Elector and his brother depend on my
Lord Marshall's returne, whoe has found many difficultyes
by the waye in regard of the desolation of Germanie, and it is
to bee feard will find more when hee comes to Vienna. My
Lord of Holland is now stablisht in my Lord of Carlile's place
with many ceremonies usd at Devonshire house. But for my
Lady Carlile 'tis thought the Duke of Lenoxe dos apply all the
meanes of consolation he can after her great losse. The
sicknesse, thankes bee to God, is well stayd; for this last
weeke there dyd not one in the cittye except a woman that
was taken uppon suspicion and put in the cage: where shee
suddenly dyed with the fatall signes uppon her bodie. There
has bin allsoe a clarke imprisond for mistaking himself in the
number. Madam Nurse is this last daye gon toward France
to see her old mother, if it bee possible to bee older then her
self, but theye saye shee shall returne noe more.” $\frac{1}{2}$ p.

Ro[BERT] ROBOTHAM to SIR GERVASE CLIFTON, at Clifton.

1636, May 26. Darby howse.—“My Lord accompanied
my Lord of Northumberland to the Downes, where his Lordship
tooke shipping and was bound for sea, and my Lord returned
to Canterbury, where he hath spent eight or ten dayes with
that noble Lady, and yesterday returned hither. At such tyme
he mett luckely with Mr. Leake, by whome he promised to
write, but being called very early this morning to wayte on
my Lord Chamberlaine and my Lord of Salisburie to Hampton
Court, was prevented of that intention, and commaunded me
to performe this duty to excuse him (as I doe) and withall to
advise yow that he intends to wayte on yow at Pentecost,
God willing, in his way downe, having fully resolved to leave
this towne, both for the plague which increaseth therein,
and others which increase upon us.

“I doubt not but Mr. Leake cann advise yow of any the
present occurrents of this place better then myselfe that am
but new come hither, but that which concernes us it may

Sir Hervey Bruce. be I may as well. My Lord Deputy hath of long been expected, and now is more, in regard of the faireness of the winde and the forerunning of Mr. Little, whoe brings us letters of my Lady Dungarvan's sickness and great danger of her lyfe by the small-pox, and also of her recovery (God blessed for it), and of the contynewance of her and her Lord's intentions to come over when God shall make her strong and able. The same letters advise that my Lord of Corke's Starrehamber business is fully compounded and agreed, but my Lord Dungarvan writes no perticulers of it. Yet otherwise wee heare, that notwithstanding all interests, and notwithstanding I am sure my Lord Deputy wrote to my Lord (I remember it well) that my Lord of Corke had fully proved all things, and had cleered himselfe of those transcendant crymes of forgery, subornation, etc., that he is to loose all Youghall, but the bare howse, which is putt to the King's will, and pay for a fyne 15,000*l.*, and besides all this make acknowledgments of favour from the one and mercy from the other, for not bringinge it to a publick sensure. This act was done in the extremitie of my Lady D[ungarvan's] sickness, which Mr. Little saith gave her singuler content and satisfaction of my Lord Deputy's love to her in it, wherein her discretion is much more to be commended then my Lord of Corke's, whoe dissembles the bussiness, and observes the old way of *injurias recipiendo et gratias dando*, whereas the old man complaynes much; and much more he will when the Lord Deputy's back is turned of Ireland. This yow will understand more fully from my Lord, whoe no doubt but will lett yow know how he conceaves hereof; but what conceite may be gathered by this relation I desyre may not be ballanced nor had in competition with what may be colleted by others relating.

"Wee heard at Canterbury that the Duke of Bullen was putt in at Dover and there wee left him. It is said he was putt in by contrary winde: others say that he hath other designes; but I doe not heare that he sent to the Court. Our people love him not soe well since he became a Romanist. It is thought my Lord Marshall by this is at Ratisbone, but there came no letters of late from him that I heare, but wee heare of certayne there is very great famine through Germany, and it is the likelier to be true, for as wee came out of Kent wee overtooke diverse souldyers which came from that side, whoe told us that cheese was 2*s.* the pound, and salt butter 2*s.* 6*d.* before they came from thence, and that all weare almost famisht, but the officers. What is done at home, and whoe loves whoe and every thing yow will understand from my Lord when yow see him; but our cheifest acts are done at Sym. Osterston's new Academye. On Munday last was a duell betweene the Earle of Hertford and young Undall. Sir Lewis Dives was second to the Earle, and Sir Ed. Griffith to young Undall; and second to the seconds was the Earle of Essex and one Brooke, and to the other one Chapman and

another. Two bouts or passages they had, and then the Earle closed with him and had him downe at his mercy : the other partyes of Undall's offring to releive him was interposed by the other, and then they begann to buckle to it, Dives and Griffith, Essex and Chapman, Brooke and the other. This was in Marybone Parke, which being heard by Mr. Cary, the keeper supream there, very fortunately came in with all his under keepers and servants he had, tooke the Earle off[f] Undall and parted them, and prevented ensewing mischeife which was fallinge upon the others. This hath drowned the quarrell and duell betweene the Lord Wentworth and Lord Beny[?], and what course the King will take in these thinges as yett I know not, nor cann heare ; but it seemes my Lord of Hertford was infinitely abused and provoked.

"I doubt my Lord Strange will have a new business heere to pacify, for that the King takes it ill that he should marry his daughter to the now young Lord Moullinox upon his father's death bedd, and so prevent his Majestie of the benefitt of his marriage, being now a ward. The master takes on extreamply : a strange world." *Seal of arms. 2 pp.*

GERVASE CLIFTON to his father, SIR GERVASE CLIFTON.

[1636-7,] Feb. 3.—"I must in the first place aske your pardon for ommitting to give you an account of my proceedings the last weeke, which was occasioned by a most dangerous cold which I had got, which made mee unfitt for any thing but thos means ordaind by the learned to stoppe those inundations of rhume. I have since bin oft at Court, where the greatest newes is of a navye presently to goe out, the Prince Elector to bee the admirall for the time and my Lord of Essex one of his assistants in counsel and command. Severall agents are sent to divers princes to confirme a league for warr. 'Tis thought the sceane of it will lie in Flanders or some say in Portingale. There is a booke lately made against the bishops, which is prohibited, and the author, beeing a reverend divin, one Burton, carryed to my Lord of Canterburys prison. The title of this pamphlet is calld *Newes from Ipswich*. I delivered your letters to all those that they were directed. My Lord Northumberland with a great affection askt when you came upp and promises to write by mee when I returne, which shall bee as soone as possibly I can despatch these businesses. Mr. Nevill has mad a bold affidavy that the Under-Sherrif Webstar for spite to old Fitzrandolph has put mee on this designe and that there should bee a compact betwixt us in the empaneling the jurye, which will bee provd alltogether false. I knowe not certainly if hee come or noe, but I have made some three of the chiefe officers sure in the Court of Wards by the means of my Lady Devonshire and my owne former acquaintance with two of them for the affayrs of the dutchy and the Prince's boord. I may not define the successe till the next Wednesday,

Sir Hervey Bruce. when I am promisd all satisfaction if they keepe their words. I have put in a cross bill against Sir Ralph Hansby for severall riotts and extortions in the Starr Chamber in the Attorney's name, beeing perusd and allowd by him, wherein his injury don to Sir Thomas Huit stands for one of the three charges. I hope to bee despatcht by the midle of the next weeke, for the sickness increases to the feare of many." *Seal of arms.*
1 p.

PRYNNE, BURTON and BASTWICK.

1636-7, March 11.—Information laid by the Attorney General in the Court of Star Chamber against John Bastwicke, Henry Burton, William Prinn and others. *Copy.* 8 pp.

[SIR GERVASE CLIFTON] to J.B.

1636[-7], March 12.—“I would have you goe to my son and lett him know from me that till he carry himself more piously to God, more worthyly and soberly to his wife, more without scandall and intemperancy in his generall courses, and leave of to wast and consume his estate as he doth, which I shall pray God to lett me see, the world takes such notice of thes particulars as I have no great joy to see him at my howse, and I may not be an Eli to connive at or sooth his obliquities least I share in the guilt and punishment, which will too soone fall, if not repented and amended.”

“Exam[ined] as a true copy of a message sent the day and yeare above said. *Per* Robert Holmes. *Signed*, Ralph Fowck.” $\frac{3}{4}$ p.

Endorsed, in the same hand, “The said copy of a message sent to my young Mr.”

GERVASE CLIFTON to his father, SIR GERVASE CLIFTON.

[1637, c. Oct.]—“Hearing of this great piece of forrain newes uppon the roade soe confidently affirmed, I could not but committ it to paper that Breda beeing summond by the Prince of Orange (the governor notwithstanding Tamberlain's 3d flagge was displayd against him threatning death to all sexes and ages if hee did not instantly surrender) held it out in defiance till the citie beeing urged by famine, and the guarison ready to eat the leather of their corselets, were compell'd to kill their governor that soe they might have leave to yeelede up themselves. It is reported the Cardinall Infanta has receavd a great defeate by the French King in Artois and was neere taking if not in hold. Concerning the matters at home, the justice seat at Northampton was kept with great state, the fines raisd ammounting to above 80,000*l*. Uppon my Lord of Westmerland fell the heavyest loade. The sherriff has all remitted but 500*l*. and generally theye doe report nobly of my Lord of Holland's temper, for hee gave leave to any of thee country to bring in their evidences, and to

have them read against the King." *Seal of arms (broken).* *Sir Hervey Bruce.*
 $\frac{3}{4}$ p.

FR[ANCIS] CHEYNELL to his uncle, [? SIR GERVASE CLIFTON].

. [1637-8,] Feb. 24.—“I waite for an opportunity (and embrace it as often as it offered) of presentinge my duty to you: the carrier's course calls upon mee, and I cannot but obey the call. Our Oxford newes is most commonly like our bookes, at second hand. I make no question but you have received exact information of my Lord Keeper's speech concerninge the payment of shippe-money: but because our Assizes were this day holden at Oxford, and Judge Jones did runne over the heads of my Lord Keeper's speech and make diverse additions of his owne, I shall bee the bolder to relate the whole story as farr as my memory will serve, and the state of the buisnesse doth require.

“1. First it is for the safety of the kingdome that our shippinge should bee maintained: the walls of an iland are wooden walls: the maritime townes knowe the strength of this reason, and therefore did contribute freely and first: but shipps well manned defend the whole iland as well as the sea-coasts, and where the benefit and safety is generall, there in all equity the cost and charges ought to bee generall.

“2. It is for the honour of his Majesty to defend that title which spakles like a diamond in his crowne, the lord and master of the narrowe seas.

“3. It is for the profit of the subject, because it secures their traffique and commerce with forreine nations: and where the honour of the Kinge and profit of the subject are sweetely combined, what man who hath either a wise head, or a loyall heart, will not have an open and liberall hand?

“4. The King demands this money accordinge to lawe, for all the judges with unanimous consent have testified the legality of the demand as often as his Majesty shall thinke fitt upon these grounds.

“1. Because in a case of necessity all the whole kingdome is bound to contribute to the maintenance of munition for the protection of the Kinge and themselves.

“2. Because the Kinge is sole judge of cases of necessity, hee is not bound to give account of his actions to his people, or communicate *arcana imperii* to the Commons, and therefore wee can no more question the King's judgment in this particular then wee can question his right to the crowne, for it is his prerogative royall to bee supreme judge, and if hee please hee may bee sole judge, for no subject can judge without his commission.

“*Ob.* But it will objected that the subject by a Petition of Right and an Act of Parliament are exempted from all taxations unto which they doe not give a generall consent in Parliament.

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"*Sol.* Acts of Parliament cannot bind the Kinge in two cases.

"1. First in the case of supremacy, and this the subject hath had experience of in the case of tenures, for when they offered in a Parliament a liberall summe of money to purchase the freedome of their tenures from any claime which the Kinge might make unto their lands, all the land of the subject being held from the Kinge either mediately or immediately, upon a mature debate it was resolved that this was *jus regium* and therefore an Act of Parliament could not give freedome to their tenures, because no Act of Parliament could bind the Kinge in point of supremacy. Nowe this is a branch of supremacy, as hath beene shewen, that the Kinge should bee supreme judge what sumes of money and how often they should bee raised for the safety of the kingdome.

"2. Acts of Parliament doe not bind in case of necessity. *Salus populi suprema lex*; this is a lawe above lawe and parliaments, because the ground and reason of all lawes. But if any shall say there is no necessity, then hee questions the King's judgment and offends against his supremacy. The Petition of Right is so farr in force that the Kinge cannot tax his people to replenish his owne private coffers, but hee may tax them for their owne good, the safety of the kingdome.

"*Ob.* But who knowes how oft the Kinge may make use of this power, and then the people may bee greived and oppressed instead of beinge secured and defended, and the publike cause may bee pretended, but his owne private wants supplied.

"*Sol.* First, no loyall heart can harbour such suspicious unworthy thoughts of a gracious prince.

"Secondly, if the Kinge would make use of his power to vex his liege people, his prerogative is so illimited, that hee may when hee is disposed vex and grieve them. 1. Hee might bidd open defiance to any prince in Christendome by his owne power, for his owne pleasure, and the subject are bound to make good the quarrell by their lives and estates. 2. Hee might embasse all our gold and silver, by not sufferinge it to passe currant any longer, and enstampe leather for currant coin.

"Thirdly, because (I dare scarce relate it, and admire how the judge did adventure on such an expression) a King is in truth and propriety no Kinge (but only in respect of God's permission) but a tyrant, if hee abuse his power to the oppression of his people.

"*Ob.* But it were a fairer way to demand these summes of money by Parliament, and though *arcana imperii* are at first treasured up in the King's royall breast, yet in short time they are no secrets, and might bee communicated to the people for their satisfaction.

"Sol. 1. The King hath tryed this way already and the subjects have failed him, and quarrelled at those in whom hee tooke most delight, and therefore hee neede not bee putt to shifts, but make use of his prerogative. Sir Hervey
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"2. The Kinge hath descended so farr as to give reasons of this [h]is just demand.

"3. Hee hath beene pleased to aske the judges' opinion, and they have pronounced his demand legall. There are two sorts of men who quarrell at the proposall: the first are they that have no skill in the lawe, and for them that sayinge may suffice, *Foelices artes si solummodo artifices iudicarent*. As for them who have skill, to them hee needed to say no more then this—that they are unhappy children who contradict the judgment of their fathers. But that which is beyond all exception is that the subject hath as faire a tryall in this case, as there can bee of any case betweene subject and subject. For the lives and estates of all the subjects are committed to the fidelity and conscience of the judge in all tryalls and controversyes, and therefore no man neede take it ill that so small a part of his estate should bee determined of not by one single judge, but by the reverend society of the judges.

"Pardon the extravagant duty of my penn; the carrier is in hast, and you may bee willinge to take your ease after you have runne over a smooth story so roughly related."
3 pp.

VISCOUNT WENTWORTH to his brother[-in-law, SIR GERVASE CLIFTON].

1638, Sept. 8. Cosha.—"It is very true that my Lord Clifford's money is returnable towards the latter end of Michelmas terme, which then will be paid with interest eight pour cent. from the time they receaved it forth of the Exchequer hence, and I shall both exspectt and crave you will be pleased to have an eye upon it, and see us at least dischardged for soe much.

"It is a fortune which I have long wresled under, that everything I doe must be every man's discourse, and commonly censured and taken *in pejorem partem*. Soe I have founde it in this businesse of the Lord Chancelour's, which is wholly attributed to me, that upon my faithe had the least partte to answere for in that proceeding of any other that satte at the borde. If he doe not cum over, it shall be noe faulte of mine, for ther is nothing I covett soe much as that the whole may fall under his Majestie's excellent judgment, and then will be the time (beleeve me that have not often deceived you) when his great patrons will be ashamed both of his cause and person.

"The affections you expresse concerning the Scotche affaires is well becomming your vertue and Christianity, for ther proceedings have been such as must needs be taken

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for one of the greatest staynes that ever was cast upon the Protestante Churches, for I beseeche you what have they left for Bellarmine with the rest of that colledge of traytors and king killer to be blamed for, if this manner of proceeding may be allowed passe for good with them? But you have better meanes in Englande to correctt them by, then to borrow the small and contemptible help this little armye can any wayes administer; wee shall be able I trust to containe ther cuntrymen here in the limitts of a modest subjection, which I assure you is much, considering ther multitudes, and how much they lissen after the Scotche discipline. Therefore, *justitia* [or *tristitia*] *vestra*, trust to your selves, and feare them not. You have power to reduce and tame them, if you have the couradge to undertake and conductte to goe thorow with all as you ought; wherin I can never yet be so insolent as to offer any advice, when ther are soe many on that side that understande what is to be dun in such a case then I doe farre better.

"I am sorry to heare of thos unkinde sutes be fallen thos of my late Lord of Clare his familye, and wishe I were able to minister any thing to the peace of it, for in truthe for her sake now with God, I should doe it most hartely and chearfully. Soe was I much troubled to understande of the distempers of your son towards yourself; but it is the common fortune of parentts, and since our cheefe aspectte ought to be on things above, itt is a comfortt which is not denied unto us in the greatest misfortunes that ther is equally a right and wronge hande to take them by, as allsoe ther is in the greatest blessings, and therefore I trust your wisdom and piety shall be such as to take all by the righte handle, soe may you benefitt thorow rebellion of a son, as many prejudice themselves by ill using a good and dutifull child. Here am I in my hermitadge, a place of retirement, wher my greatest conversation are woodes and deare, and I should thinke my self happy if I could longer hide myself from the importunity of my imployment, but for the present that must not be, but to laboure and travell I must too againe, being the portion only I looke for in this life. I thanke God his Majesty is gratusly pleased with my poore indeavoures, which sustaines me all along, els had I fainted long agon in the blacke streames of mallice and envy, in which I have soe long waied up to the very chinn. This is my comfortt allsoe that all my ennimies are not able to deade me in my affection to my freinds, but that I can still serve them with chearfull and quicke spiritts, and amongst thos your self in the immutable qualety of your ever most faithful brother and humble servant." 3 pp.

The EARL OF KINGSTON to his cousin, [SIR GERVASE CLIFTON].

1638[-9], March 1.—". . . It seemes by the report of my Lady of Arundell's taking of an house in York that hir Lord intends to jerk it in these Scotish garboyles, though I expect

not to live to heare of a second Flodden feild. I heare those lords who have parted with their money must not bee dispensed with for attending his Majestie att that city, which weere no ill newes to mee if I had ability of body to undergoe such a journey. Many of the nobility have certified (as is sayd) the honourable secretaries that they cannott provide armes, but will in their persons wayte of his Majestie according to his commaund. I heare also the Master of the Rolles (a gent[leman] of singular good partes, which you know) is held a dying man and that myne antient freind Sir E. Leche hath offred a 11,000*l.* for his (now much empayred and pared) place, so that there is good hope of equity though wee have no other law saving *jus belli*. I pray you forgett not that I told you my servant Bowskill assured mee from the armorer of Nott[ingham] that two of myne armors with a litle cost may be made good cuirashiers à *la moderne*, and that I besought you to commaund my sayd servant att my charge to have them made fitt for your service immediatly and to accept also a black armor of myne for your own body, being of a singular proof and though not in full fashion yet of more use for you when you shall have occasion to putt on armor then any of these new, which bee unable to resist a paper bullet, and bee pleased to remember I told you when service happeneth the fashion of armes will not be observed. Among those many demonstrations of my fast declining to my grave, I finde the neglect of my servants towards mee one and myne extreme forgetfulnes an other. Beleeve mee, deere cosen, I did require more then one of my servants to send to my cosen Rosell for a fox lungs that I might have sent the same by one of yours, for my Lady Clifton. It now attends hir Ladyship, and to myne understanding nothing can unto the lungs bee more pretious because it operateth *ex proprietate*. It is to be mingled with old conserve of red roses and taken a litle before sleep, suffring both the roses and it to melt in the mouth by a long retheyning them therin. I shall heare nothing worthy of advertisement, which I shall not immediatly informe you of, and give mee leave to bee so bold as to intreat you that I may att least in your passage to Hodsock for York attend you about Carberton or elsewhere, for I earnestly desire to speak to you before you attend his Majestie."

Postscript.—"Deere cosen, in the sealing up herof I received answer of my letter to our honourable freind Mr. Secretary Coke purporting his Majestie's so most gracious acceptance of my freewill oblation that I protest if I was well able (especially my children) to spare it, I would give his Majestie as much more: I am dispensed with for personall attendance and all further charge." 3 pp.

The EARL OF NEWCASTLE to [SIR GERVASE CLIFTON].

1638[-9], March 7. London.—I shewed your letter to his Majesty, who took it extreme well. He gives you thanks

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and wishes he had many such to wait of him. Now I must brag a little of his favour to me. Since you have put yourself in his hands so nobly, he wishes you in my troop. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.

[SIR GERVASE CLIFTON] to the EARL OF NEWCASTLE.

1639, March 30.—“ I have sent six curriassers and attendantes to them for his Majestie’s service under your Lordship’s commande as they were placed, and am sorry onely to say I have sent; ffor my own horse, armes, habbittes and affections were noe more unready then these to advance, but it [is] true my wife lyes att this present gaspinge, and my sonne gapinge, not for what I leave dyinge, but what I have livinge, my backe beinge turned, to make a prey of all my convertible goodes, within dores and without, when none would bee gotten in my absence to * there beinge too manie * amongsts servantes that are apt to turne their backes upon the west. And I would bee loath to hang my sonne, or play an aftergame with a beggar att my returne for all (in personalls) I am worth. This is partly knowne to your Lordship by former aetes of his, howe terrible and probable it is, besides too great newe assurances which I forbear now to trouble your Lordship with. Yet if I heare from your Lordship that I am not willinglie dispensed with, I will come and venture all, rather then leave my zeale in any suspicion.” *Copy.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.

The EARL OF NEWCASTLE to [SIR GERVASE CLIFTON].

1639, April 11. Newcastle.—Thanking him for men and horses. $\frac{3}{4}$ p.

The EARL OF KINGSTON to SIR GERVASE CLIFTON, “ att his Clifton.”

1639, April 29.—“ I was conjured to the last R[etford] sessions by my good neighbour Mr. Moseley least it should have fayled for want of a quorumer, but besyds my cosen your sonne I mett there the honest knight Sir Ma[tthew] Palmer (who I heard dealt plainely with my cosen and most freindly) and the old soldier of the King, Sir George Lassels, any of which might have saved my labour. There was instantly before my coming a passage between my cosen and Mr. Undersh[eriff], wherin his servant gott two or three scratches and his master lost his sword, but I desired my cosen to restore it because it could not bee numbred *inter spolia opima*, and I hope hee hath so doone. The undersh[eriff] protested hee had no thought to meddle with my cosen, but it was otherwise conceived and certainly carried with much courage by my cosen, though with somewhat too much passion. Hee gave a very good charge, having an excellent preface in honour of his Majestie and a repetition of no other

* *Sic in MS.*

statutes than concerned these military tymes. Towards evening hee left us in the hall, but soone returned, complayning of Mr. Babington's drawing his sword upon him and willing him menacingly to looke to himself, though hee only required Mr. Babington to goe from him least his presence might provoke him too far. This *terminis terminantibus* was deposed by Buck, the constable of your Hodsock, and Smith, my cosen's clerk. Mr. Babington answered that my cosen followed him, heaving up his great cudgell (with which indeed hee might soone have knoct the other's braynes out, but there was no prooffe of so much as the offer of a blow with it). Mr. Ba[bington] was bound to the good behaviour but not fined, because I think none thought hee intended hurt. However, his act was very unadvised and of perillous exemple. I knowe, deere cosen, your afflictions for your sonne's errours, which hath drawne from mee this tedious narration least these things represented to you otherwise then I understand them might add to your grief, which God knoweth is too great alreedy. I observed in him a frequent laughter (upon no ground I could imagin) of long continuance, which hee sought to repress but could not (a testimony I doubt of a deepe melancholy). . . ." *Seal.* 2 pp.

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Bruce.*

CHRISTOPHER WANDESFORDE [Lord Deputy of Ireland]
to [? SIR GERVASE CLIFTON].

1640, May 28. Dublin.—“It is gud manners to make a spedye acknowledgment for thoss freindly and seasenable advertisements you weare pleased to give me by yours of the 9th of this month, the very first and rypest frutes I gathered from that unfortunate (fatall I wish I myght not call it) tre of dissolution.

“What a wall of separation have thess rash builders mayde of untrempled, distrempled mortar; indede, it is to be wished there children after a long repentance (I doubt) may pull it downe agayne. For nowe the event (I feare) which is the scole-master of fooles, will make thoss mischeifes appeare to everye common eye, which only wise and loyall subjects did forsee before. And is it not a deplorable condition that thoss libertyes which was so much cared for, if his Majesty be not gracious above the patience and necessitye of a prince (as I verily beleve he will) be not in the greatest hazard of all, even by thoss courses and meanes, by which they fantasyed the preservation of them? But it is the wurke of an easye witt to fynde faults: our deutyess will be better exercised in looking forward, every man operating what he can to the common tranquillitye. For the present we who stand att this distance have litle more to doe then to pray for the happy settlement of all things, so that (if God be pleased) peace and plentye may flowe downe still in the middst of us in there antyent channells.” 1 p.

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HENRY BATE to SIR GERVASE CLIFTON.

[c. 1640,] July 19. Retford.—“If my boldnes bee a sinne I hope your loyaltie and goodnes will make it veniall, and the rather beecause, with him in Seneca, *causam deorum ago*. Sir, I know your command over, and how you are honoured and loved in, this towne; which being committed to mee for cure, who am one that have hitherto and will (soe long as I can) doe anything to cure the King's evill, I find a *crimen in capite*. Our aldermen (save two or three) are soe utterly averse from subscribing to the protestation which it pleasd yourselfe and the other best in the countie to preferre to his Majesty, that they have dissuaded as many as they can from subscribing it, having first denied it themselves. Therefore, good sir, bee pleasd (since I know you are at Rampton and may happilie come through Retford) to intimate your disaffection to this theire deniall. Sir, a word of yours (who are soe much in theire thoughts) will prevaile more then hundreds of mine to make them feare God and honour the King; which I doe soe much as makes mee presume to throwne [*sic*] downe at your feete this my humble suite.”
Seal of arms. 1 p.

SIR THOMAS COLEPEPYR to SIR GERVASE CLIFTON, or any other Deputy Lieutenant of Notts.

1640, July 30. Thurs. Loughborow.—“By reson of som great disorders don by the soldyars I have thetherto had forty or fifty of the trained soldyars a horsebak with ther swords only, levinge piks and musketts behind. These ar of purpose in his Magesty's name keyndly to requiar the same number of your trained men on horsbak as aforsaid to be att Loughborow or att Stamford tomorrow by 4 of the klok in the morninge beinge Fryday the last of July to conduck these 350 men of my regiment to Stamford that therby the cuntry may be preserved and my selfe may appeer to be your humble servant.” *Seal of arms.* $\frac{1}{2}$ p.

At the foot:—

SIR GERVASE CLIFTON to SIR THOMAS HUTCHINSON.

“I have sent order to Mr. Reynes and the rest deputed to raise these men in the manner prescribed.”

WILLIAM SAVILE to SIR GERVASE CLIFTON.

1640, Sept. 25. Yorke.—“I crave your pardon that I am forced to make use of another man's hand to satisfie your commands, assuring yow that I take it as a great favor that you will at any time find employment for the service I owe you. Yesterday the Lords mett and the King declared his resolution for a Parliament at London the 3d of November. In the mean time the Scotts are to be treated with and a committee is chosen for that purpose. The day appointed is

Tuesday next, the place Northallerton. Mr. John Belasses *Sir Hervey Bruce.* is sent to the Scotts to give them notice of it. It is resolved by all the Lords that the King must not desolve his army, but how it shall be maintained is the consideration of this day. Some thinke the Lords must give theire credit to the city of London for so much mony, for that any way of undertaking what the Parliament shall doe before it meet were unfitt. I beleieve this will be a very free Parliament and his Majestie will be apt to hearken to the desires of his people, though for any particular things to be agreed on before I cannot speake that as yet he hath promised or declared himself in any particular. What the Denmarke ambassadour doth or will be able to doe I cannot say, but I suppose he doth not much meddle with this affaire. When the Lords will be dismissed is not certaine, for that till the Scotts and they have mett no man can tell what to resolve. When there is any opportunitie to send to you and any thing more to write I shall be ready to trouble if you approuve of my scribbling. In the mean time I kisse your hands as your most affectionate freind and faithfull servant.

“ The names of the lords that are to goe to Northallerton.

“ Earle of	Hertford.	“ Lords	Mandevill.
	Bedford.		Pagett.
	Essex.		Savile.
	Bristow.		Dunsmore.
	Holland.		Howard.
	Berke.		Brooke.
	Salisbury.		Pawlett.
	Warwick.		Wharton.”

Signed. Seal of arms. 1 p.

GER[VASE] PIGOT to SIR GERVASE CLIFTON.

1640, Sept. 25. Sherburne.—“ He that hath your word for his moderation in all things, belyes a very good authour to prove pragmaticall in any, and therefore when I had got (and now humbly thanke you for) your letter into the bargaine, I resolved to loose my moneth’s pay with short, rather then over, and though I knew my cast to be up the hill, yet would not provide for a rub, but tooke at present what they were willing to part with, and theire words for the rest, which shall passe as well with me as the Scotch specialty with the men of Newcastle, who take that because they canne get nothing else for their money, and yet have articted to lend per diem 200*l.* towards the supply of the army from the first day of their entry till the last of their stay there, after the rate of 10*l.* per centum for the loane, and the covenanters promise repayment by the last of November, or if not, to continue it upon the same termes till able to satisfy the debt. The Major makes the assessment, and certifies who refuses to Lesly, their generall. This day sennight, at night, a Scotch troope of horse under the command of Sir Archebald Douglas,

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pillageing Mr. Pudsy his house (a Northumbrian gentleman) neare Richmond, were surprised and taken by the troopers of Sir John Digby's lieutenant, who in revenge of his captaine's quarrell, brought Douglas, his lieutenant and cornet to Yorke, where they are under the Sheriffe (I meane of the city) his custody, and 36 of the troopers are in Richmond gaole, besides sixtene reported to be slayne, and six fled.

"The Lords sit close, morning and afternoone too, in the parly-house (for so 'tis called where they attend the King) and there yesterday morning (the first day of their sitting) voted, and had graunted, a Parliament to be assembled November 3d; but where, was not then resolved, yet since they say at London. The writs make hast to be under seale, which will be dispatched betimes next weeke, and already in Yorke there is labouring for voyces. This same morning was presented a petition (more submissive 'tis sayd then the former) from the Scots, but what containing, is not openly knowne; yet he that brought it had accesse into the house, and in the afternoone was resolved a parly upon Michaellmas day to be held at North Allerton, betweene sixtene of our Lords, and as many of theirs. Ours are for earles, my Lord of Holand, of Warwicke, Bedford, Hartford, Essex, Bristow, Barkeshire, Salesbury; the barons, my Lord Mandevill, Paget, Savell, Dunsmore, Howard, Pawlet, Brooke and Wharton. This conference of the Lords of both sides (if the King hereby may be secured against further invasion) may conduce to the dissolving of the trayne bands, and this was touched upon by the Lords in the morning, who I heard meant to spend the afternoone in resolving which way the King should be supplied of mony to pay his army (until the Parliament) in case that the Scots will not at present disband theirs; but I stayed not to heare what becomes of this debate. My businesse called me to Sherburne, where I stay with my troope till Monday or Tuesday next weeke, when I mean to be againe at Yorke, to heare the issue of these occurrences, and in the interim hope for a discharge, at least, when our moneth is ended. I did your commaunds in the presentation of your service and letters to my Lord Generall, who was too busy to say much, as I at present am to tell you that little, and therefore a good plea not to trust my paper with it. But I feare that what I meant but for a letter, is strayed into the length of an information."

Seal of arms. 2 pp.

The EARL OF KINGSTON to SIR GERVASE CLIFTON.

[? 1640.]—"I could make a narration of the beautifull and rich pavillions lately made in England, of the three dayes seafight between the Hollanders and Dunkirkers, who being of greater number yet yeilded the victory to the former, and of the King of Spaine's reducing the abbots and convents in Portugall to their antient temperance and moderation

by taking from them most of their temporall estates and leaving them only poore stipends, for which the Pope's legat is sayd to have excommunicated that great king. But I eyther doubt of the truth of these or am confident you have heard therof. I will therefore trouble yow solely with that which is infallibly true, the Earle of Bedforde and other sowthren earles' certifying to the noble secretaries that they will attend his Majestie with ten curasiers, which is well taken, though their offer first of money refused. This assureth mee that his Majestie will very graciously accept of your six and that you did prudently in changing your ten purposed into that lesser number, for therby you decline envy and yet in your reall service surpas many of our lords, who bee sayd to seeke by wringing of some covenants contrary to true sense in their poore tenants' leases to make a gayne to themselves of this *levée du bouclier*." *Seal.* 1 p.

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Ro[BERT] SUTTON to SIR MATTHEW PALMER.

[? 1641.]—I received this letter from his Majesty about 2.30 a.m. on Friday, and immediately sent it to Sir Matthew Palmer. I conceive Saturday 8 a.m. at Southwell for the deputy lieutenants to meet; where I shall be unless I hear to the contrary. I could wish a copy of this letter sent to Sir Hardolph and Mr. Eyer, and the letter itself to Sir Thomas Hutchinson and Sir Gervas Clyfton, and that every deputy lieutenant brought his horse and arms with him to Suthwell, and the captain of the horse to be at Suthwell of Saturday. I will give notice to Captayne Lee to receive directions, for it is likely upon the hearing of these directions they will be enraged and employ themselves for their lives. I would have sent myself but that I am forced both with my men and horses to keep watch all night and day, and the business will not endure delay. Therefore I desire you to post them away if it be possible. I wish every deputy lieutenant would give notice to the next captain to him to come to Suthwell and to be prepared with his officers to receive his men instantly. Haste, I pray you. If you send the letter itself to Sir Hardolphe and the copy with some direction to my cousin Cooper to send it away with all speed to Sir Thomas Hutchinson, so on, I conceive it the best. Pardon my late scrawling. *Seal of arms (broken).* 1 p.

THE KING to SIR GERVASE CLIFTON.

1642, Aug. 31. Nottingham.—Asking for as many arms as he can spare, to be sent to Nottingham Castle. *Sign manual.* *Seal.* $\frac{3}{4}$ p.

1642, Sept. 3.—Received into the magazine at Nottingham Castle for his Majesty's use of Sir Gervas Clifton, eight great saddles with bits, bridles and other accoutrements belonging to them, eight complete

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"curiosiers," with six cases of pistols and two cases of "patronells" with holsters, six muskets with rests, twenty complete corslets and twenty pikes. *Signed*, Tho. Holwell.

CROWN RENTS.

1646, June 12.—Four receipts, on printed forms, each for 1*l.* 1*s.* 4½*d.* for rent due to the Crown at Mich., 1642, 1643, 1644 and 1645, for Hartswell and Kinalton Grainge, co. Notts. Received of Mr. William Needham for Sir Jarvis Clifton by Edward Norton, messenger. "Receaved fior distresse fees one pound tenn shillings."

DELINQUENCY.

1649–1650.—Four receipts, on printed forms, from Richard Waring and Michael Herring, treasurers of the money to be paid into Goldsmiths Hall, for sums in part payment of the fine of 7,625*l.* imposed on Sir Gervase Clifton of Clifton, Notts, knt. and bart., for his delinquency, viz. :—

1649, Dec. 17	..	..	..	..	497 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i>
1649, Dec. 18	..	..	..	..	600 <i>l.</i>
1649, Dec. 29	..	..	..	..	1,000 <i>l.</i>
1649[–50], Jan. 12	..	..	..	..	1,715 <i>l.</i> *

DR. HENRY MORE to FRANCES FINCH, afterwards CLIFTON.

c. 1660.—Five short letters couched in terms of high-flown compliment. *All undated.*

The DUKE OF YORK to the DUKE OF NEWCASTLE.

1665, Aug. 12. Yorke.—To apprehend dangerous persons in his lieutenancy, a general insurrection of the fanatics being feared. *Copy.* ½ *p.*

The DUKE OF NEWCASTLE to SIR GERVASE CLIFTON,
SIR CLIFFORD CLIFTON and ROBERT PIERREPONT.

1665, Aug. 16. Welbecke.—Thanking them for their service in securing fanatics, and sending them a second copy of his Royal Highness's letter, in case the first should have failed to reach them. The persons already secured to be continued in their present condition until his Royal Highness's pleasure be further known. *Signed.* *Seal.* 1 *p.*

The DUKE OF NEWCASTLE to the EARL OF OGLE, ARTHUR STANHOPE, SIR GERVASE CLIFTON, SIR CLIFFORD CLIFTON, ROBERT PIERREPONT and ISHAM PERKINS.

1665, Aug. 23. Welbecke.—I send you a true copy of his Majesty's letter and desire that you will see every particular therein contained duly put in execution. And seeing there is

* The last sum completed payment.

more than ordinary occasion for ammunition, viz. powder, match and ball, I desire you to consider of a fitting proportion to be put in magazines at Nottingham, Newarke and Retford, and order the same to be provided where it may be had; and when you have made a competent provision, cause it to be put in the several magazines and guarded so long as shall be needful. I conceive the week's pay for the year ending at Midsummer, 1666, may be presently levied, and, if so, that will enable us to make a larger supply of ammunition than otherwise we can, which I leave to your discretions. I have received an order from his Royal Highness that Dr. Tuckney be kept in safe custody yet for a while, which I pray you order may be obeyed. He further signifies that one Barnes, formerly a cornet, imprisoned at York, has escaped. If any such person can be found or heard of, give order to apprehend him. *Signed. Seal. 1 p.*

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ANNE BAGNALLS to "SIR JERVAIS CLIFFEN, att
Clifen Hall."

[1699-1700,] Jan. 19.—"Your wife writt mee word you were gon to Blithe, which made mee not write sooner, and now I doo can give but a vearee indiferent acount of my buisness, for the Parlement hass taken us in hand in oarder to aplye the forfeited esstates in Ireland to the use of the war, and I am making frends there that a counsell may bee hard to reapresent myne and my childdren's case. Thay seem to make us wearee of apleccation and then make a jest of us and our cause. I had a leter for you which is I bilieve by this cum to your hands. It shood have gon sooner but youle exkuse my forgetfullness. The gentellman came agen last night for an anser conserneing Mrs. Fyfold's buisness, saying Mr. Kenedee writt earnestlee aboute it, urging that the debt increast daylee. I told him it wass impossibell to make you more earnest then you were to satisfye all, and that to urge you in a mater you were soe intent and wherein you had taken all posibell means was I feard to noe purposs. Hee sed hee wood write notwithstanding. I wass with the buishup aboute leave for dressing meat and have not yett had a positive answer. Ladee Deavensheer is allwayes kinde and gives hir servis to you and your wife. All leters from France confirm the Qween there as beeing with childe. I had severall leters from my frend wherein hee ones the reasaite of yours with all the acknowledgements and thankes imaginabell but is reasolved to goe on hiss old waye. The toune rings of the Duke of Norfolk[s] divorce, which will cum to nothing but but [*sic*] publishing eatch other's infamee. But shood the deavorce bee granted there is half a dozom more readee to petition for the same favor. I will write noe more impertinence for fear of tireing you." 2½ pp. *Draft of part of Clifton's answer on the back.*

Sir Hervey Bruce. LORD CLIFFORD to his brother[-in-law, SIR GERVASE CLIFTON].

[.,] June 27. Skipton.—“I can not forbear^e to satisfye youre desire in giving you a shorte accounte of my passage with the Lords that attended at Yorke my Lord Deputie’s cumminge. On Thursdaye last the yonge lord came thither, and the next daye we came all hither, wheare we have passed as fairelye as youre harte coulde wish, yonge and oulde, all joviall, all contented, so as I am confident we shall conclude all very shortelye. The yonge lord is a sweete natured and a hansom youthe, full of noble partes, and of a rare understandinge for his yeares. To tell you truthe, I am in love with him soe much, as I woulde wish him my sonne, before any of his age or ranke. The Lord Rannclagh, a moste reall and noble gentleman as ever breathed, of whose singular obligations, if I shoulde but begin to recounthe, which he hathe heaped upon me, I assure you I coulde fill a letter with them before I weare able to take of my penn.

“My wife entertained them discretely and civillye, and my father played his parte beyonde all immagination. In a worde, they wente away this daye infinitely satisfied, and left us heere noe less contented.

“Tomorrowe I am to followe them to Yorke, and the nexte daye we will dine all together at Londesbrough, and soe soone as my Lord Deputye shall arive, we shall fall upon the conditions, whearin I feare noe breache, seeing the infinite desire of union on all partes.

“Good brother, prepaire upon a fewe dayes warninge to cum hither when I call you, for I must not wante youre presence at oure nexte meetinge, which I hope will be a merrye one. Thoe I be all moste a sleepe, I cannot refraine to tell you that this daye I received as good newes from my Lord Deputye of his passages there about the same businesses, soe as I hope God, whoe hathe soe strangely advanced this worke, I make noe doute, wil bringe it to a blessed and speedy conclusion. I beseeche you acquainte noe creature livinge with the contentes of this letter, but throwe it into the fier, and be confident that, from time to time, I shall not faile to advertise you of oure proceedinges. Onelye give me leave to bragg that I have contrived this firste meetinge wiselyer then wiser men would have had me, whose counseill (if I had followed) I dare saye all had bin marred in the handlinge. We have dun that which they coulde not soe much as hope or wish, and I must tell you I never with a more joyfull harte subscribed my selfe.” 2½ pp.

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[.,]—“Never any civill man worded it less for deedes that were so great then myself, yet my thanks are at an end, not thankfulness for all your late noble favors, saving one, enforcing me to a recognition so often as it comes into my thoughtes,

your Lordship's charitable credence of my hartie professions at your wofull farwell from Berwick, to distinguish me with so virtuous a note from other men, when the iniquities of many make them say little they thinke and experience of many beleeve little they say, I hold an obligation transcending all your large entertainment and sundrie graces to me besides, in which respect (my Lord) unfaynedlie he lives not who beares a more faithfull ready hart then I to serve any your commaundes that can be obeyed by me. And that I may not bring the whole into dispute by traversing the first, I presume according to your Lordship's charge to give you an abstract of my Lord your brother's third progress in the northerne parts. It is not to be doubted that the country to the lord of the countrey (such a lord) would address all honor possible for his most gracefull reception: your Lordship must have said so, had you seen it; the nobility, gentry, clergie and ordinary people contributing cheerfull and frequent testimonie therof every way as he past along and resided, so as I have knowne some great lords ambitious of that lodging and hospitallitie for their convenience, which his Lordship was troubled how to decline with the inviter's satisfaction. But wher he favored any so much as to come he ever proved a door opener, unusuall things being done and all sett afloat to his more cordiall and gallant welcome. Neither fell it out worse for his trayne, and such impertinent feathers as my self; when his Lordship billeted us at his owne castles his table ther each meale rather pampering the guests then feeding them, and grossnes banisht all the while, unless consisting in the store and plenty of good fare. At his honor of Cockermouth (a place well deserving the title for signiory and noble scituacion, the abuse therof so much the more deplorable by the ruines under which it appeares) many of the most antient gentlemen and other common tennants did him homage. One held his stirrup for tenure of lands, and passing the street *Quicquid caluerit* [?] *rosa fuit*. I thinke the kisses incident to that ceremonie would not stimulate him very much, each being a bearded Venus, but one who inclyned more to Mr. Anderson's of Newcastle's smoothnes. The huge confluence of dependants on the way made us ride like gods in cloudes, that had you seen the troopes meeting and attending him every day, the great luminarie being gone before in a swifter course, your Lordship would have concluded the light staying behind to be no other then a blazing starre portending, in that radiant carriage of his, matter of admiration, no other dyre event. But as the person in no kind deceived my expectation, so I must confesse ingenuously as I wayted of him through the country, some things did. The prospect in Northumbreland of feilds standing thicke with corne, graine well taken, ready for a seasonable harvest: beefe, mutton, fatt, sweet and large, with pastures so well growne, as if they can get stocke they neede not to complaine

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of wanting grasse, and better haye I have scarce seene then in diverse parts of that shire. In short, ther bee few better places in England for a beast to live in that I know. But would you have excellent red deer, fallow deer, kidd, roes, wild calves, tame fooles, and have them in abundance, Northumberland is the place. Is your want of Spannish wines? The seas ther furnish you with the best French to digest them. Fowles of the choicest kindes are to bee had ther enough to make a Lincolneshire man sick at the second course. I speake not of powles [?], of which the undenyable store is well knowne both farre and near. And for a papist that is tyed to keep Lents and fasting daies oh! what leviathan salmans and calvering trowtes, scarce heard of charres with many other anomata fishes, are at men's dorres: ther almost to be had for throwing out the nett. I will seale them all up with a fish shewed to my Lord for a seale, but proving a Paryus [?] pigg, as great a monster, I am sure, to me. Yet least ladies might take exception at the cuntrye for lack of somewhat to commend to them, they being generally, God knowes, over partiall to the south, I must let your Lordship understand albeit the sunne shined many times upon my Lord's being ther, to invite him the sooner againe, I thinke they may be as secure in that clymate from having it tanne their beauties, as in most habitable places else. Yet that little ther is produced strawberries, gooseberries, raspices, cherries, hartechokes and pease, and that in no scant measure. I have now done troubling your Lordship, and could wish these lines delivered when you come from beating the King at bowles, not going to assist his Majesty in Counsell, for your Lordship will see I have bin pleasant with you, and may say too bold, yet your commaundes and noble nature makes me rather promise them acception then fear their pardon. I protest to your Lordship I will end seriously. My Lord busied himself about that he came for, yet lost not his patience more then his tyme, and in all departments woon so much upon everie bodie as he may have what he will amongst them (if I be not deceived) with as little grudging as other men their ould rents, and is able to put most aged men out of countenance with his perfections in youth. To that happines of yours that be his ally, nothing is to be wisht, but your long mutuall enjoyments, one of the other, which shall ever be in my prayers." *Unsigned. Apparently a copy. 2½ pp.*

GERVASE CLIFTON to his father, SIR GERVASE CLIFTON, at Clifton.

[,] April 4.—“I have according to your commands and directions not answerd this terme. Hee dos beleeve to bring it speedily to a sentence. Therefore I beseeche you bee pleased out of your great compassion to my shipwrackt fortune to appoint some gentlemen to compound with him before the sentence, that soe ridiculous a matter maye not

be brought to publicke hearing. Sir Harry Griffith is a man very great with Mr. Spillman, and one I knowe that honours you truly ; if you please to use him in it or to intreate my Lord Clifford to worke him that waye, I doe believe his Lordshipp is soe noble that hee will incite the other gentleman to make a faire conclusion of these unfortunate affaires. My next humble request is that you will please to moove my Lord of Holland effectually for a generall pardon to us all For as yet this matter of felonie is but whisperd on. Nay, manie doe beleve I lie in onely for debt. Therefore bee pleasd to wipe off that aspersion now before [i]t has taken too deepe a die by the blood of anie man that should suffer in the cause. And let mee live in any place or waye soe it may bee in your favour." *Seal of arms.* 1 p.

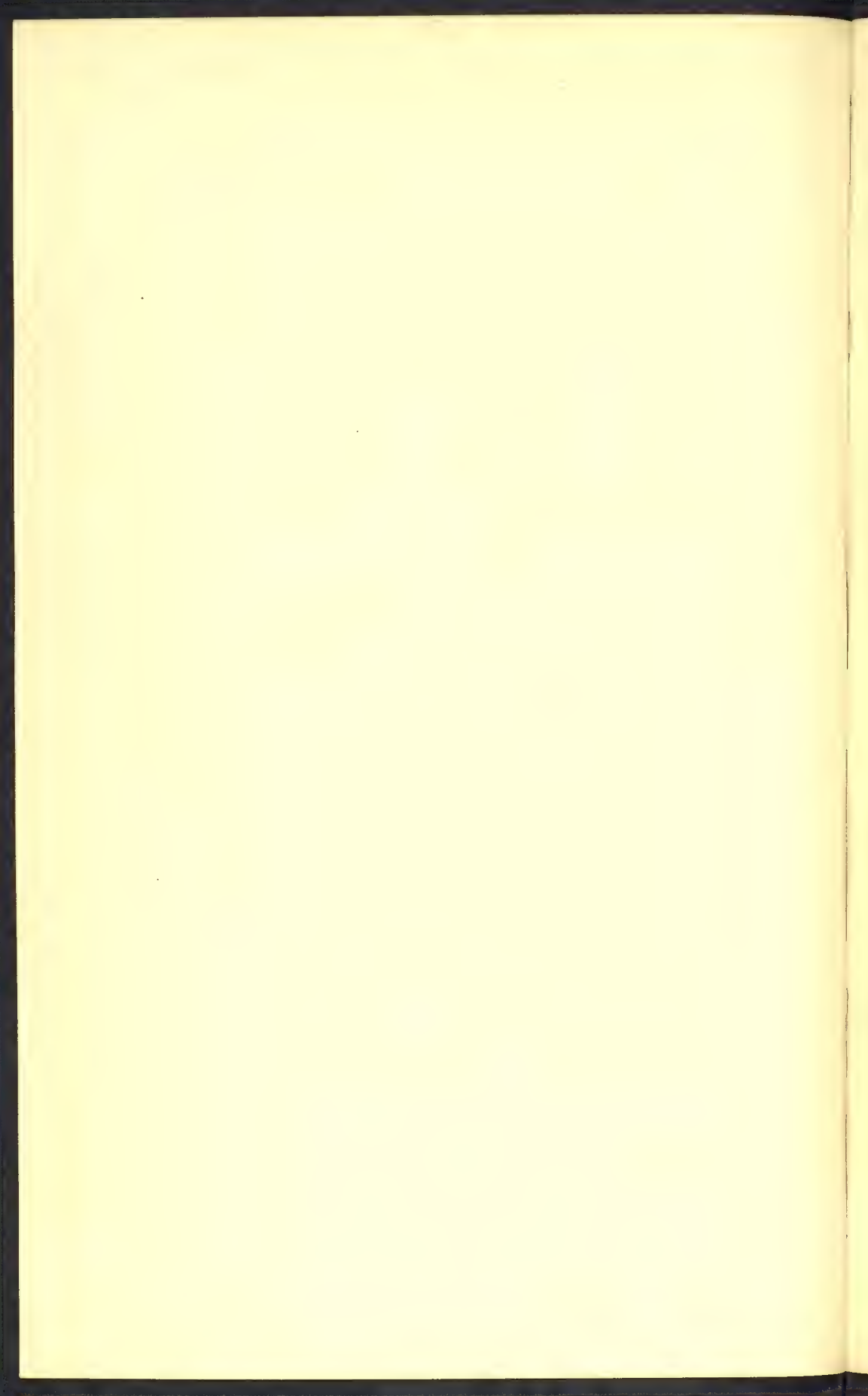
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[.]—"I am yet in hope that you have or will before you come downe doe something that may speedilie bring my libertie, which when it is don I make noe question but it will bee an honour to you in the world and to mee an eternall obligation of duty. I beseeche you, sir, let noe doubts nor busie reports raised by what persons soever hinder you from doing soe good and charitable a worke, at which the angells will rejoyce and I the most dejected of all your creatures shall have hope to looke upp againe and bee honoured by your acknowledging mee, which will bee better then that you should heare after a long conflict with my misfortunes that I have yeeded upp my spirit in a narrow jayle which might have found a nobler passage either in the warr or in some serious emploiment of yours, wherein I might have wasted as a candle and soe expired. I should have counted such a death a life ; but this if it come, I doubt I shall not wellcome it with the ceremonie of anie good thought, except that of prayer for all happienesse to flowe downe uppon you and yours that are left. Thus humbly begging your remembrance of mee in this my Iliade of evils, I remayne," etc. *Seal of arms (broken).* 1½ pp.

CARDINAL RICHELIEU to ———.

[.]—Recommending Matthew Camprey, a Savoyard of the order of Saint Bennet. *English translation. Undated and unaddressed.* 1½ pp.



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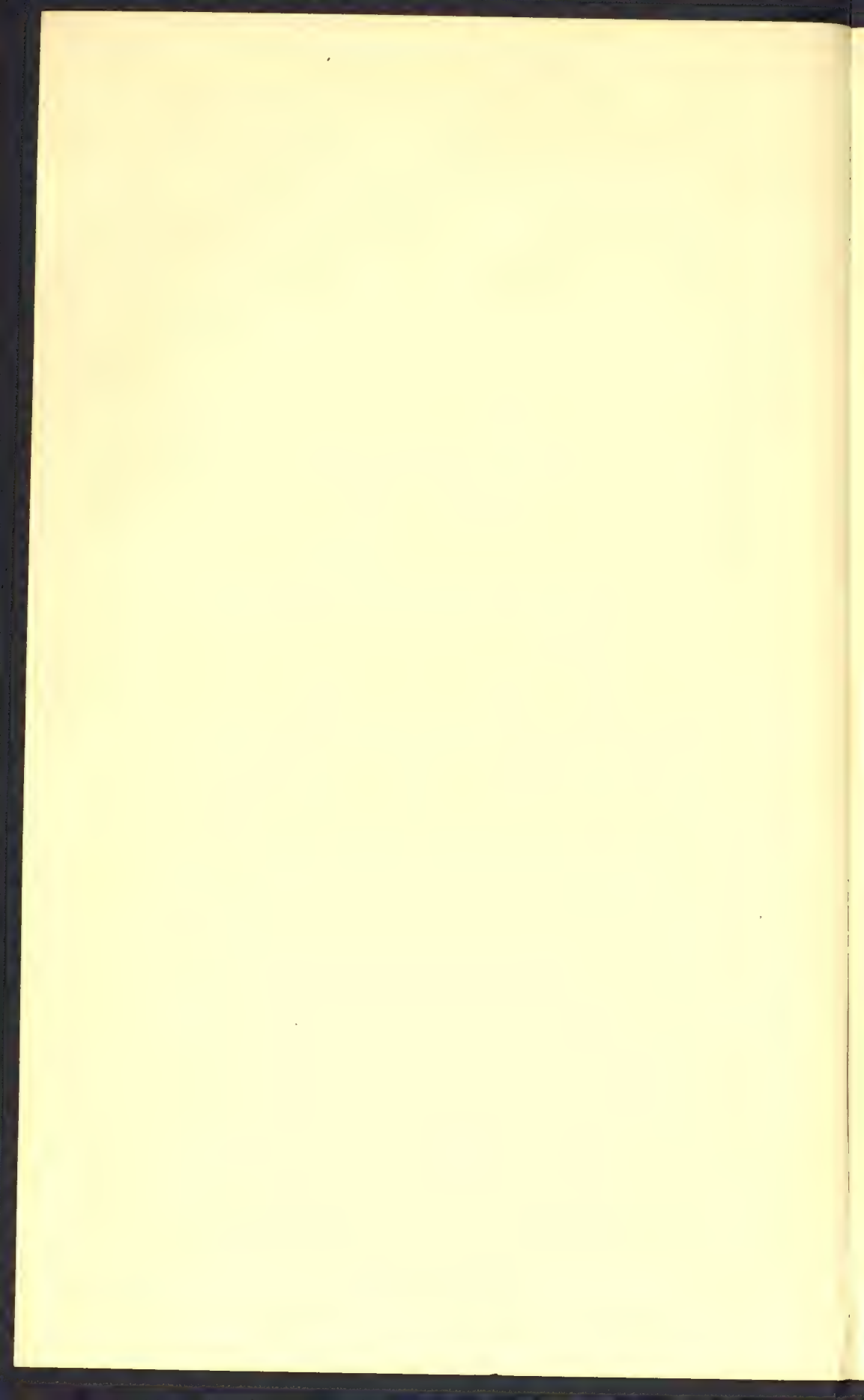
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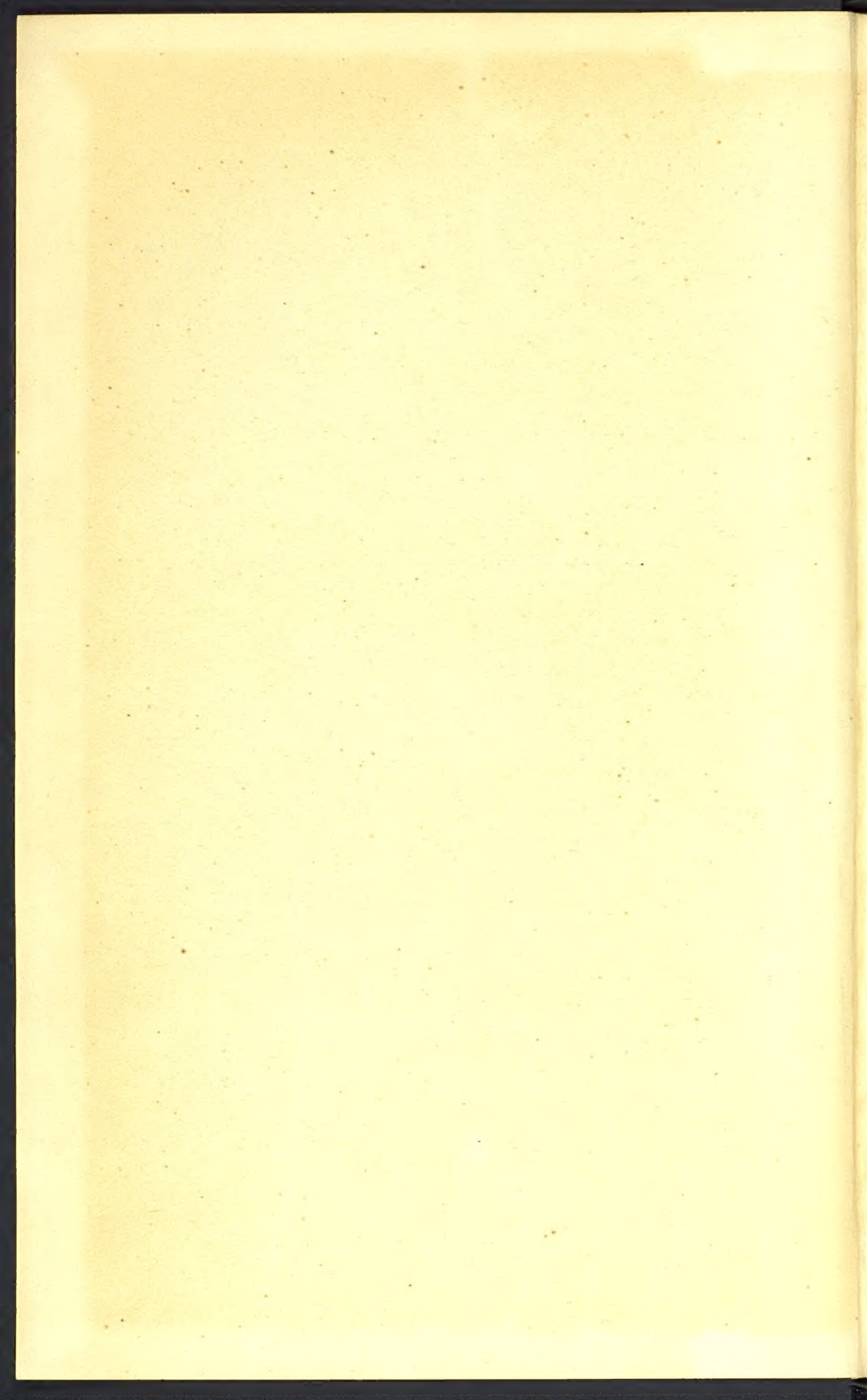
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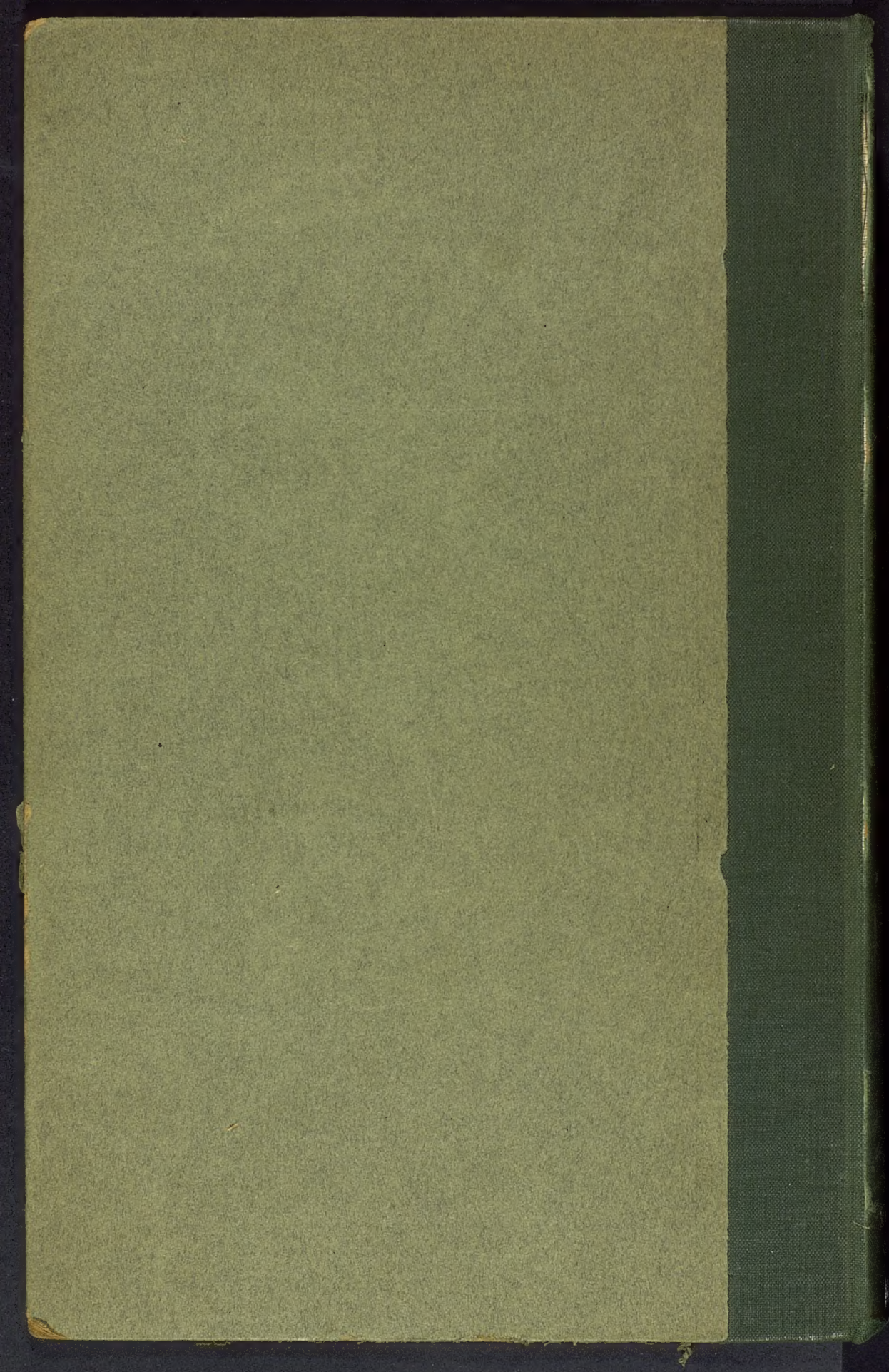
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